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Sh Nathu Ram Sihag, S/o Sh Mahavir Sihag,  
R/o Village Taja Patti,  
TEhsil Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o DIG, Ferozepur Range,  
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o DIG, Ferozepur Range,  
Ferozepur.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 4540 of 2021**

**PRESENT: Sh.Nathu Ram as for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Shamsher Singh, SI for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through an RTI application dated 26.07.2021 has sought information regarding a copy of application No.1220 –CPF-Spl dated 13.11.2020 filed by Kusampreet Kaur against Sarabjit Singh, Narinder Sihag Nambardar Taja Patti – statement of parties – a copy of enquiry report – decision of DIG Ferozepur and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of DIG Ferozepur Range, Ferozepur. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 23.08.2021 after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 01.09.2021 which disposed of the appeal on 21.09.2021 upholding the PIO's view.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The respondent present reiterated their earlier plea (letter dated 23.08.2021) that the information is 3<sup>rd</sup> party information, and cannot be provided.

The appellant is not satisfied with the reply and basically wants action against Nambardar for his alleged activities, which per the appellant are not in consonance with the law. However, these are mere allegations on which I am not inclined to allow disclosure, thus I am providing an opportunity to the appellant to bring evidence of a larger public interest involved in the disclosure of this information.

The appellant is directed to provide authentic and sufficient evidence of a larger public interest involved in the disclosure of this information.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **13.09.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 10.05.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
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Near DAV College, Jalalabad,  
Distt Fazilak.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o IGP, Ferozepur Range,  
Ferozepur.

First Appellate authority,  
O/o IGP, Ferozepur Range,  
Ferozepur.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 4574 of 2021**

**PRESENT: Sh.Harpreet Singh as for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Shamsher Singh, SI for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 19.12.2020 has sought information regarding a copy of comments given by SSP Fazilka on the letters of IG Office Ferozepur dated 30.04.2019, 01.08.2019, 06.08.2019 & 21.08.2019 in connection with an email dated 26.03.2019 and registered letter dated 27.03.2019 filed for review of the decision under PPR – enquiry report – if not complete, the reasons thereof as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of IGP Ferozepur Range, Ferozepur. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 13.01.2021 after which Harpreet Singh filed a complaint in the commission on 25.01.2021.

The case was earlier heard by this bench on 23.06.2021 as a complaint case No.137 of 2021. The Commission received a letter of the PIO on 18.06.2021 vide which it was informed that the comments of SSP given on the letters of the IGP have been provided to the appellant but the official noting cannot be provided being a secret document and exempt u/s 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.

Since the appellant had come to the Commission u/s 18 as a complainant, the case was remanded back to the First Appellate Authority with the direction to consider the case as an appeal and dispose of the same within a period of 30 days as per the RTI Act.

Since the first appellate authority has taken no decision on the appeal, the appellant has filed 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal in the Commission on 04.10.2021.

The case has come up for hearing **today through** video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. As per the respondent, the comments of SSP have been provided to the appellant but the noting has not been provided since the noting is a secret document and exempt u/s 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.

**Appeal Case No. 4574 of 2021**

Having gone through the record and hearing of both the parties, the Commission observes that the appellant wants to review the decision under the PPR enquiry report and seeking noting portion on the basis of which comments were given by the SSP. Since the noting is not a secret document as per definition of information under section 2(f) of the RTI Act, the PIO is directed to provide noting and remaining information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **13.09.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka..

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 10.05.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commission**



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Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o District Social Security Officer,  
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Deptt of Social Security & Development,  
Of Women & child, Pb, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 4738 of 2021**

**PRESENT:     None for the Appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through an RTI application dated 21.06.2021 has sought information regarding details of old aged/widow/handicapped pension released from the year 2012 to 2020 to the Panchayat village Partap Singhwala - list of pensioner of the village and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of District Social Security Officer Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 12.08.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Both the parties are absent.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **24.08.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 10.05.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commission**



Sh Navdeep Gupta,  
# 04, Nimrit Villa,  
Mansahia Colony, Patiala.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Director,  
Food & Supplies,  
Sec-39-C, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Director,  
Food & Supplies,  
Sec-39-C, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 4035 of 2020**

**PRESENT:** Sh.Navdeep Gupta as for the Appellant  
Ajay Bir Singh Sarao, Jt. Director and Mrs.Satinder Kaur, Sr.Asstt. for the  
Respondent

**ORDER:**

The appellant through an RTI application dated 27.08.2020 has sought information regarding 24.69 lakhs ration packets distributed during the lockdown period to the poor and labour class – district wise details of discrepancy in data updated by Covid-19 control room – responsibility fixed for the gap of actual packets prepared for the purpose and distributed – Amount received from the State Govt and Central Govt. – printing cost of the inscription on 24.69 lacs ration packets and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Director Food & Supply Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 27.10.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 09.08.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Patiala/Mohali. The appellant claimed that the PIO had not provided the information.

The respondent was absent without any legitimate reasons for the absence. There had been an enormous delay of one year in providing the information. The PIO was directed to explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act. The PIO was again directed to provide information to the appellant and send a compliance report to the Commission.

On the date of the hearing on **13.12.2021**, as per the appellant, the information was not supplied by the PIO.

The respondent appeared at Chandigarh and submitted a reply which was taken on the file of the Commission.

A copy of the reply was sent to the appellant along with the order. The appellant was directed to file his reply to the PIO with a copy to the Commission.

On the date of the last hearing on **05.04.2022**, both the parties were absent. The commission received a reply from the appellant on 10.02.2022 which was taken on record. The case was adjourned.

**Hearing dated 10.05.2022:**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala. As per the respondent, the information regarding point 1 & 2 relates to Covid Control Room which comes under the Health department. As per the respondent, the information relating to points 3 & 4 relates to their department. However, on the basis of the available information through their software (point 4) their figure does not match with the figure (24.69 lacs ration packets) as cited by the appellant in the RTI application. As per them the newspaper has published an incorrect figure.

The following is concluded-

**Points 1 & 2- Ajay Bir Singh Sarao, Jt. Director , Food & Supplies** is made a deemed PIO under section 5 (4) & 5(5) and directed to procure the information from the concerned department and provide it to the appellant. The Health Department , Punjab is directed to co-ordinate and provide the information

**Points 3 & 4**

Point 3 to be provided since it relates to the respondent's department.

Regarding point 4, the respondent claims that on the basis of the available information through their software their figure does not match with the figure (24.69 lacs ration packets) as cited by the appellant in the RTI application. As per them the newspaper has published an incorrect figure. Having gone through the reading of the RTI application regarding 4 , what the appellant primarily seeks is information regarding the printing cost of the inscription on ration packets distributed in Punjab. The information be provided in spite of the figures not matching.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **12.09.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 10.05.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

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