



Sh Tejinder Singh,  
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,  
Backside Sanjh Kender,  
Phillaur.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Food Safety Officer,  
Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o District Health (Designated Officer Food Safety),  
Amritsar

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 403 of 2021**

**PRESENT: Sh. Tejinder Singh, the Appellant**  
**Ms. Rajni Rani, FSO, for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through an RTI application dated 24.04.2020 has sought information regarding notices issued to food business operators from Nov.2019 to March 2020 along with speaking order if any passed – action taken on sellers operating in open places – inspection conducted on food business operators –samples collected and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Food Safety Officer, Amritsar. The appellant was not satisfied with the information provided by the PIO vide letter dated 12.06.2020 after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 03.10.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 14.07.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Amritsar. The respondent informed that the information has been provided to the appellant.

The appellant claimed that despite the deposit of requisite fee of Rs.300/-on 21.06.2020 as raised by the PIO vide their letter dated 12.06.2020 relating to information regarding point-4 and pointing out the discrepancies, the PIO had not provided the complete information.

The PIO was given one more opportunity to sort out the discrepancies and provide complete information to the appellant. The PIO was also directed to explain the reasons for the delay in attending the RTI application.

On the date of the hearing on **18.11.2021**, the respondent present pleaded that the discrepancies as pointed out by the appellant have been sorted out and the reply has been sent to the appellant on 10.11.2021 with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant was absent and vide email informed that despite deposit of requisite fee as well as the order of the Commission, the PIO has not supplied the requisite information.

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Having gone through the reply, the commission observed that the respondent had sent the following reply:

- Point-1 - No improvement notice issued /speaking order passed from Nov.2019 to March 18, 2003.
- Point-2 - The information relates to 3<sup>rd</sup> party
- Point-4 - Since the postal order received from the appellant on account of the fee raised has not been yet got encashed by the concerned Clerk, the information will be provided after encashment of postal order. Further, since the information is available with Sh.Simranjit Singh, Food Safety Officer, now at Mohali and Smt.Gagandeep Kaur-Food Safety Officer now at Patiala, the designated officer o/o Civil Surgeon, Amritsar has been requested vide letter dated 27.07.2021 to call the information from them.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply, the commission observed that point-1 of the RTI application has been suitably replied to. However, regarding point-3, the PIO is directed to apply section 10 of the RTI Act and provide information after severing the information that is personal, in this instance the home address.

Regarding point-4, Sh.Simranjit Singh, Food Safety Officer, Mohali and Smt.Gagandeep Kaur-Food Safety Officer Patiala were impleaded in the case and directed to send information to the Food Safety Amritsar immediately and the Food Safety Officer, Amritsar was directed to supply complete information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

The case last came up for hearing on 22.03.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Amritsar. Both the parties were absent.

The case was adjourned.

**Hearing dated 10.08.2022:**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Amritsar.

The respondent present pleaded that the information pertaining to Point 4 has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 08.07.2022.

The appellant claimed that the PIO has raised a fee for 132 pages whereas despite the deposit of requisite fee, the PIO has supplied the requisite information containing 16 pages only.

The respondent pleaded that the available information containing 19 No. of pages has been supplied to the appellant.

Hearing both the parties, the respondent is directed to file reply justifying that fee was correctly raised. The respondent is further directed to file pointwise affidavit duly attested by the Public Notary in case no more information as per RTI application is available in their record. The respondent is further directed to send the original affidavit to the appellant by registered post with a copy to the Commission within 15 days.

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To come up for further hearing on **16.11.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear through VC at DAC Amritsar.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 10.08.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
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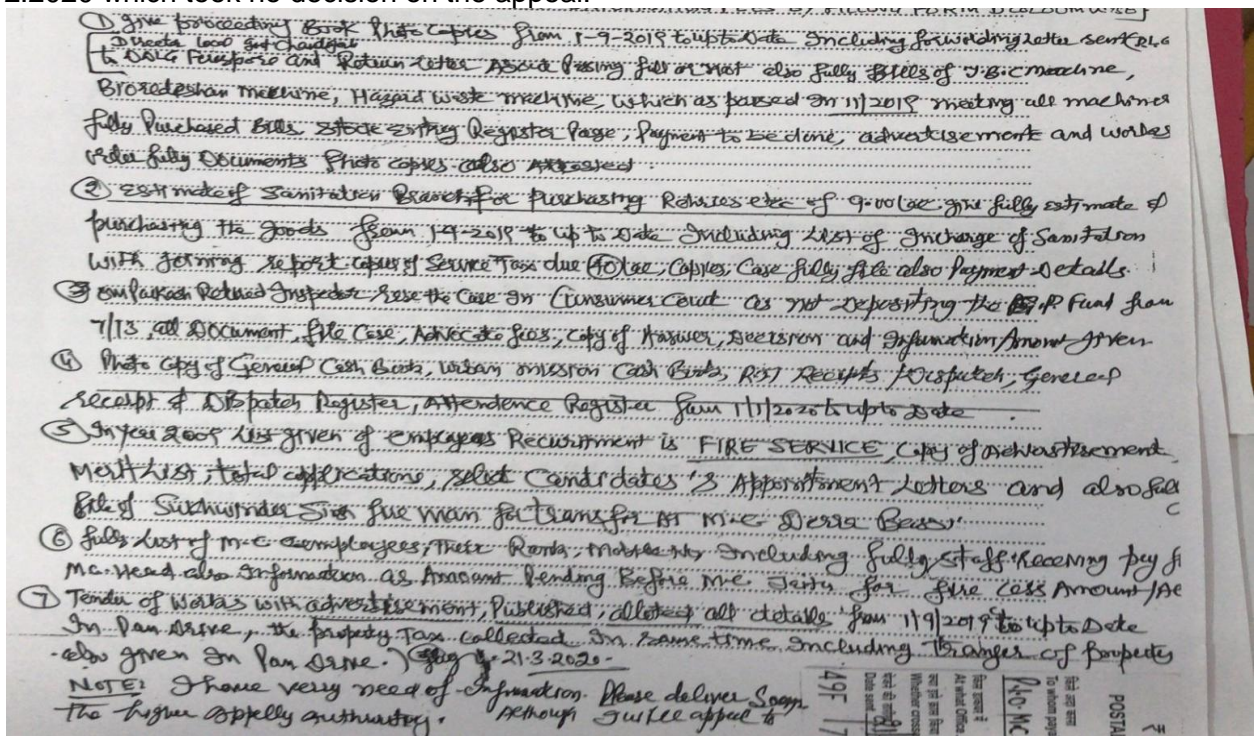
...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1191 of 2021**

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

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 21.03.2020 has sought information on 7 points regarding proceeding book from 01.09.2019 including forwarding letter sent to director local govt., file of JCB Machine, Biredeshon machine, Hazard waste machine, stock register – an estimate of sanitation branch for purchase of Rehries of Rs.9.00 lacs including the name of in charge of sanitation with joining report - and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of EO-MC Kapurthala. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 24.12.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.



The case first came up for hearing on 19.07.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent present pleaded that since the information sought by the appellant is voluminous, the appellant be asked to inspect the record and get the relevant information. The respondent further informed that the RTI application is also not legible.

Hearing both the parties, the appellant was directed to send a legible application that is typed to the PIO, with a copy to the Commission. The PIO was directed to go through the RTI application and provide all information that is easily accessible and which is permissible under the RTI Act. The PIO was directed to reply to each point of the RTI application separately.

On the date of hearing on **18.11.2021**, due to a technical problem in the VC at DAC Faridkot, the hearing could not take place.

The case last came up for hearing on 22.03.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The appellant claimed that the PIO did not supply the information.

The respondent was absent. The earlier order stands.

**Hearing dated 10.08.2022 :**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The appellant is absent and nor is represented.

The respondent is absent nor has complied with the orders of the Commission. The Commission further observes that there has been an enormous delay in providing the information. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO, NC, Kotkapura, to **Show Cause why penalty be not imposed on the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time.** The PIO should file an affidavit in this regard. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replied.

The PIO is again direct to provide the information to the appellant within 15 days of the receipt of this order.

The case is adjourned and to come up for further hearing on **02.11.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated : 10.08.2022**

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