



Sh. Anil Bhatia,
H.No.-1523, Sector 13,
Hissar-125005

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Registrar, Punjabi University,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Vice-Chancellor
Punjabi University,
Patiala.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4784 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Advocate Surajpreet Singh Kang for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 04.01.2021, has sought information regarding the statutory University rule under which non-statutory DAV Mgt New Delhi has issued the advertisement in the Tribune dated 03.01.2021 for teaching posts in DAV colleges affiliated to the university despite the fact that DAV Management is neither affiliated to any State University nor aided by Punjab Govt. – suo motto action taken by the university in response to an aforesaid illegal advertisement without any jurisdiction and authority in law in violation of prescribed rules as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Registrar Punjabi University, Patiala. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 19.03.2021, which took no decision of the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 02.03.2022 before this Bench. The appellant was present at Chandigarh. The respondent was absent.

The Commission received a letter from the PIO on 18.02.2022 which was taken on record. In the said letter, it had been informed that since the enquiry was pending, the information was not provided and the reply was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 23.03.2021 and 06.07.2021. However, a copy of the rule available in the University calendar was also provided to the appellant.

The appellant was not satisfied and alleged that as per the newsletter in the Tribune dated 20.02.2006, the matter has already been decided. The appellant further stated that First Appellate Authority also did not hear his case and merely a letter had been sent stating that the matter is under consideration as well as with a delay of more than 45 days.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply of the PIO, the Commission found that the RTI has been sufficiently replied to. However, there has been a delay of more than 45 days in providing the information.

The Commission having taken a serious view of this, issued a **show cause notice to the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time and directed to file reply on an affidavit.**

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On the date of hearing on 01.08.2022, the appellant was absent.

Advocate Surjpreet Singh Kang present on behalf of the PIO pleaded that available information has already been provided to the appellant. Advocate Surjpreet Singh further pleaded that the delay in supplying the information was due to collecting/ gathering information from different offices of the University. He also pleaded that the concerned PIO had been advised to file a reply to the show cause issued by the Commission on its previous hearing date.

Having gone through the available record in the file, the Commission found that the RTI has been sufficiently replied to. However, the PIO had not filed reply to the show cause notice. Sh. Gurmit Singh, PIO-cum-Dean College Development Council, Panjabi University, Patiala, was given one more opportunity to file a reply to the show cause notice.

Hearing dated 10.10.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today. Advocate, Surjpreet Singh Kang is present on behalf of the PIO and submitted a reply from the PIO vide letter dated 04.10.2022 .

The PIO, in the reply reply has stated that the information was to be collected/gathered from different offices of the University, and in order to contain the spread of Covid-19, the staff was called on alternate basis, which resulted in the delay in supplying the information.

I accept the plea of the PIO and drop the show cause notice.

The appellant is absent and nor is represented to pursue the case.

Information stands provided. No further cause of action is required.

The case is **disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated: 10.10.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

Cc to :

Shri Gurmit Singh,
PIO-cum-Dean College Development Council,
Panjabi University, Patiala,



Sh. Kharati Lal Narang,
H NO-B-XXI,-12066,
Street No-26, Ram Nagar,
Main Market, Near Sangeet Cinema,
Ludhiana.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Finance Personnel,
Branch-2, Punjab Civil Secretariat,
Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1030 of 2021

**PRESENT: Sh.Kharati Lal as the Appellant
Smt. Veenu, Superintendent & Sh. Akwinder Singh, Sr.Asstt. from
Finance Deptt. (P-2) for the Respondent .**

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 19.03.2021 has sought information regarding instruction dated 10.10.2019 regarding the removal of an anomaly in pay fixation of general category employees and reserve category employees as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Finance Personnel, Branch-2, Punjab Civil Secretariat Chandigarh. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 06.07.2021 after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.08.2021, which took no decision of the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing 02.03.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/ Chandigarh. The appellant claimed that the PIO had not supplied the information.

The respondent was absent and vide email informed that since the information relates to PIO-Personnel Department (PP-1 Branch), the RTI application was transferred to them vide letter dated 09.04.2021.

A show cause notice was issued to the PIO-Department of Personnel(PP-1 Branch) under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time and directed to file reply on an affidavit.

On the date of last hearing on 01.08.2022, the appellant claimed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

Smt. Rajwinder Kaur, Superintendent from Personnel Department(P-1) brought the reply to the show cause notice stating therein that the application dated 19.03.2021 of the complainant was transferred vide letter dated 09.04.2021 to Finance (P-2 branch) as information pertaining to the instant case is not with them. The responded further clarified since no notice of the Hon'ble Commission for appearing on 02.03.2022 was received, the respondent could not attend the court.

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Sh. Akwinder Singh, Sr. Assistant from Finance(P-2 branch) present pleaded that vide letter dated 20.04.2020 information was supplied to the complainant.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the Commission observed that the information has been sought from the PIO-Finance(Personnel Branch 2). thus, the PIO was directed to submit a pointwise reply to the Commission before the next date of hearing.

Hearing dated 10.10.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. As per the appellatant information supplied by the respondent is incomplete.

The respondent pleaded that the information (noting portion) containing 113 pages and 97 pages of correspondence has been sent to the appellatant vide letter/file No.FD-FP-2024(RTI)/9/2020-1FP2/1/418837/2022. The respondent further pleaded that whatever available information is available has been provided to the appellatant and no further information is available relating to the RTI application.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both parties, the Commission finds that the information has sufficiently been supplied to and the information has been provided to the best possible extent.

No further interference of the Commission is required. The case is **disposed of and closed.**

Sd/-

Chandigarh
Dated 10.10.2022

(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

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Jalalabad (West), Distt. Fazilka.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs,
Anaj Bhawan, Sector-39-C, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1166 of 2021

**PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Mrs. Kiran, Inspector, for the Respondent**

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 04.12.2020, has sought information regarding the weight of empty gunny bags deducted from the wheat distributed for three months under Prime Minister Garib Kalyan Yojna and the retaining of empty bags by depot holders and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 17.09.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 02.03.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka/ Chandigarh. The respondent present informed that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 15.11.2021.

The appellant claimed that the information has been provided with a delay of more than eleven months.

The Commission having taken a serious view of this issued a **show cause notice to the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time and directed to file reply on an affidavit.**

The case last came up for hearing on 01.08.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka/ Chandigarh. Both the parties were absent.

Having gone through the available record in the file, the Commission found that the RTI has been sufficiently replied to. However, the PIO had not filed his reply to the show cause notice. The Commission, granting the last opportunity, directs Shri Ajaiveer Singh Sarao, PIO-cum-Joint Director, Food Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Punjab, Chandigarh, to file a reply to the show cause notice in the shape of an affidavit on the non-judicial stamp paper duly attested by the Public Notary.

Complaint Case No. 1166 of 2021

Hearing dated 10.10.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today. As per the respondent, in pursuance of the previous order of the Commission, the PIO has filed a reply to the show cause notice wherein the PIO has stated that the delay was caused as a consequence of prevalence of Covid-19 pandemic in the office and restrictions of presence of 50% staff imposed during the pandemic. The PIO further mentioned in the reply that during period of Covid-19 the Govt. of India introduced Pradhan Mantri Grib Kalyan Yojna, Atam Nirbhar Bhart Scheme and Covid kits etc. in which the staff was engaged in the implementation of these schemes. Due to this, the delay in supplying the information to the appellatant occurred.

I accept the plea of the PIO and drop the show cause.

The appellatant is absent and nor is represented to pursue the case.

Information stands provided. No more interference of the Commission in the instant case is required and hence, **the case is disposed of and closed.**

Sd/-

Chandigarh
Dated 10.10.2022

(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

Cc to :

Shri Ajaiveer Singh Sarao,
Public Information Officer-cum
Joint Director, Food Supplies,
And Consumer Affairs, Punjab.
Anaj Bhawan, Sector 39-C,
Chandigarh.



Sh. Mohanjit,
Landmorgage Wali Gali,
Dera Baba Nanak, Gurdaspur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Manager,
Punjab Agro, Pathankot Road,
Opp Milling Chilling Centre Verka,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Secretary,
6th Floor, Pb Civil Secretariat-1,
Sector-1, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5110 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh. Mohanjit, the Appellant
Sh. Inderpreet Singh, Sr. District Manager for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 18.01.2021 has sought information regarding the detail of wheat purchased from Jan.2000 – detail of wheat issued – year-wise sale – remaining stock of the wheat – a copy of the agreement executed with millers and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of District Manager, Punjab Agro Gurdaspur. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 17.04.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 24.05.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Gurdaspur. The respondent present pleaded that they did not receive any notice from the Commission.

The appellant was absent and nor was represented.

Not receiving a notice from the commission is no ground not to provide information since the PIO is already in possession of the RTI application and the application should have been handled as per the provisions of the RTI Act. The PIO was given one more opportunity to provide information to the appellant as per the RTI Act with a copy to the Commission. The information be provided within 15 days of the receipt of the order.

Hearing dated 10.10.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Gurdaspur. As per the appellant, the PIO has not provided the information.

Shri Inderpreet Singh, Sr. District Manager-cum-PIO pleaded that the information of about 5067 pages is ready and the same has not been supplied as the appellant has not deposited the requisite fee.

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There is no record available in the file which confirms that the respondent raised the fee in the stipulated period. The Commission directs the respondent to provide certified information to the appellant immediately.

The commission has received an email confirming the same.

Since the information stands provided, the case is **disposed of and closed.**

Chandigarh
Dated: 10.10.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commission



Sh. Gurmukh Singh, S/o Parkash Singh,
Village Raipur Araiya, Tehsil Amloh,
DisttFatehgarh Sahib.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Amloh,
Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO,
Fatehgarh Sahib.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 15 of 2022

PRESENT: Sh.Gurmukh Singh as the Appellant
Sh. Gurdeep Singh Panchayat Secretary for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 20.08.2021, has sought information on 10 points regarding grants received by Gram Panchayat Raipur Arayian from 01.01.2014 – details of receipt and expenditure from different sources – a copy of the activity register – the details of the BPL cards – grants under Indira AwaasYojna for beneficiaries – details of panchayat land – account details of gram panchayat – complaints received with departmental enquiries – details of development work – inspection rights and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of BDPO Amloh. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the first appellate authority on 20.09.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case was first heard on 20.06.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Fatehgarh Sahib. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent pleaded that the available information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 18.06.2022 and a copy of the same sent to the Commission through email.

During the hearing, it was observed that the appellant is not aware of the points of the appeal as the appellant was assisted to fill the form by some other person. However, the Commission discussed all the points of the RTI application at length and the following was concluded:

- Point-1& 2 - Information stands provided
- Point-3 - Provided from the year 2019 only – PIO to provide the remaining information.
- Point-4 - As per the respondent, the period of information is not specified. As per RTI application, the appellant has asked for information from 01.01.2014 onwards. The PIO is directed to procure the information from the concerned authority and provide it to the appellant.
- Point-5 - The PIO to provide the information .
- Point-6 - Information stands provided.

- Point-7 - Partially provided. The PIO to send the complete information.
- Point-8 - As per the respondent, no complaint/enquiry is pending.
- Point-9 - Information Provided

Hearing dated 10.10.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fatehgarh Sahib.

The respondent pleaded that the appellant is refusing to receive the information. The respondent has brought the information. The respondent has handed over the information to the appellant during the hearing. The appellant has received the same.

The information stands supplied, and no further cause of action is left. Hence, **the case is disposed of and closed.**

Chandigarh
Dated :10.10.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Udham Singh S/o Sh. Sohan Singh,
VPO ShamashpurSingha,
Tehsil Khamanoo, DisttFatehgarh Sahib.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Khamanoo,
DisttFatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o BDPO, Khamanoo,
DisttFatehgarh Sahib.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 74 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Jharmal Singh Social Security Officer and Sh.Rajinder Singh Panchayat Secretary for the Respondent at Chandigarh

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 30.04.2021 has sought information regarding the statement of Rajinder Singh Panchayat Secretary dated 09.04.2021 (as per instruction dated 07.04.202) relating to complaint for illegal mining and embezzlement by Panch and Sarpanch of village Smashpur – the details of works done by spending Rs.204000/- on Govt Elementary School pond from grant and Rs.137760/- for Gurudwara Sahib pond from panchayat fund , and as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of BDPO Khamanoo. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the first appellate authority on 30.09.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 20.06.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Fatehgarh Sahib. As per the respondent, the information had been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 15.03.2021.

The appellant was absent nor was represented.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observed that the RTI application was filed on 30.04.2021 whereas the respondent claimed to have sent the information to the appellant on 15.03.2021. The Commission having taken a serious view of this, issued a show cause notice to the PIO **under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time and directed to file reply of an affidavit.**

Hearing dated 10.10.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fatehgarh Sahib. The respondent pleaded that the information on point No.3 has already been provided to the appellant in a similar RTI application dated 29.01.2021 filed by the appellant. The respondent further stated that due to the spread of Covid-19, the staff was called on an alternate basis because of which the information was delayed.

I accept the plea of the PIO and drop the show cause.

Appeal Case No. 74 of 2022

The appellant is absent nor represented as well as not communicated any discrepancies in the provided information.

Since the information stands provided and the appellant is absent no further interference is required from this bench. The case is disposed of and closed.

Chandigarh
Dated: 10.10.2022

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State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Jagtar Singh, S/o Sh. Sanpooran Singh,
Village Naraina, P.O Bagrana Block Khera,
DisttFatehgarh Sahib.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Block Khera,
Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO,
Fatehgarh Sahib.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 61 of 2022

**PRESENT: Sh.Jagtar Singh as the Appellant at Chandigarh
Ms.Narjeet Kaur, APIO MNREGA for the Respondent**

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 24.09.2021 has sought a copy of the enquiry report as per letter dated 06.01.2020 –a copy of the record relating to embezzlement of Rs.5.00 lacs in Muster roll of sand/bajri/cement etc. – copy of the court order and a copy of the statement given by Tarsem Singh, Satnam Singh alongwith the statement of SarpanchMs.SarabjitKaur and Panchayat Secretary as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of BDPO Block Khera. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the first appellate authority on 02.11.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case was first heard on 20.06.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Fatehgarh Sahib. As per the respondent, the enquiry report had already been provided to the appellant on 24.11.2021. The respondent further informed the appellant to specify the information.

The appellant stated that this enquiry report did not relate to the information that was sought under this RTI application. The appellant had asked for an adjournment to clarify the matter. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 10.10.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fatehgarh Sahib. As per the respondent, requisite information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 29.06.2022.

The appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the information has been provided, no further cause of action is left. The case is **disposed of and closed.**

**Chandigarh
Dated: 10.10.2022**

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