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Sh Raghvir Singh, s/o Sh Karam Singh, R/o Village Hardaspur, Tehsil & Distt Patiala.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Chief Electoral Officer, Pb, SCO-29-32, Sector-17-E, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Chief Electoral Officer, Pb, SCO-29-32, Sector-17-E, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3128 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Raghvir Singh as the Appellant

Ms. Sukhvinder Kaur, Clerk for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 24.02.2021 has sought information regarding notification regulating the reservation of posts of Sarpanch in Punjab pertaining to rotation of the post of sarpanch i.e. general and reserve category –list of candidates elected as Sarpanch of village Hardaspur, Distt.Patiala since 1990 to 2018 alongwith their category – whether the post of Sarpanch in village Hardaspur was ever reserved for SC candidates since 1990 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Chief Electroral Officer, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 01.04.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala. The respondent present pleaded that since the information did not relate to this office, the RTI application was transferred to State Election Commission Punjab vide letter dated 01.03.2021 with a copy to the appellant. The PIO State Election Commission further transferred the RTI application to the PIO-Director-Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab Mohali vide letter dated 12.04.2021 with a copy to the Commission.

The PIO-Director-Department of Rural Development and Panchayat is absent.

The PIO-State Election Commission, Punjab and the PIO- Department of Rural Development and Panchayat, Pb Mohali are impleaded in the case as Respondent No.1 & Respondent No.2 and directed to look at the RTI application transferred by PIO-Chief Electoral Officer on 01.03.2021 and provide information under whose custody the information exists. A copy of the RTI application is being again attached with the order for both the PIOs.

To come up for further hearing on **30.05.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala. The PIOs to appear through VC at DAC Mohali.

Sd/-

Chandigarh (Khushwant Singh)
Dated: 11.01.2022 State Information Commission

CC to 1. PIO-State Election Commission, Pb SCO No.49, Sector 17-E, Chandigarh. – Respondent No.1

2. PIO-Director-Department of Rural Development
 and Panchayat, Pb
 Sector 62, Mohali.
 Respondent No.2

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Sh Yashpal Kundal, R/o Village Lohgarh Kothe, P.O & Tehsil Dinanagar, Distt Gurdaspur.

...... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o District Food and Supply Controller, Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Deputy Director, Food Supply Field Jalandhar Division, Jalandhar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2779 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh. Yashpal Kundal as the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 17.11.2020 has sought information regarding blue cards issued in village and city Dinanagar coming under FSO Smt.Ritu Mahajan from 01.04.2017 to 30.09.2020 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of District Food Civil Supply Controller, Gurdaspur. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 08.01.2021 after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 15.01.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Gurdaspur. The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent is absent nor is represented.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply of the PIO dated 08.01.2021, the Commission finds that the reply dated 08.01.2021 is not in tandem with the sought information and there is clear violation of section 7 of the RTI Act. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to show cause why penalty be not imposed under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not handling the RTI application in a proper way and secondly for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time. He/she 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 person(s) of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The PIO is again directed to relook at the RTI application and provide information to the appellant within 15 days of the receipt of the order.

To come up for further hearing on **30.05.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

Sd/Chandigarh (Khushwant Singh)
Dated: 11.01.2022 State Information Commission

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Sh Mohit Bansal, H No-189, C/o Bansal Provision Store, Village Adial, P.O Shapurkandi Township, Tehsil Pathankot, Shahpur, Pathankot.

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Director of Ayush, Pb, Sector-24-B, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
Director Ayurveda –
Cum- State Licensing authority,
Pb, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2743 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Mohit Bansal for the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 14.01.2021 has sought information regarding manufacturer Divya Upchar Sansthan, Zirakpur – copy of manufacture licence No. allotted – copy of sample reports of Drug named as Divya kit sold/manufactured –copy of approval granted by state authority to sell the kit – copy of license to manufacture for the sale of ayurvedic – copy of sample report of product and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Director of Ayush, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 19.02.2021 which took no decision on the appeal. After filing first appeal, the PIO sent reply to the appellant on 16.03.2021 to which the appellant was not satisfied and filed 2nd appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Pathankot/ Chandigarh. The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent is absent nor is represented. There has been an enormous delay of more than ten months in providing the information. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to show cause why penalty be not imposed under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not handling the RTI application in a proper way and secondly for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time. He/she 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 person(s) of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

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

To come up for further hearing on 30.05.2022 at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot. The PIO to appear through VC at DAC Mohali.

Chandigarh Dated: 11.01.2022

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Sh Suman Kumar, S/o Sh Madan Lal, H No-386, Gali No-3, Vijay Nagar, Batlala Road, Amritsar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o District Manager, Punjab State Civil Supplies Corp Ltd, SCF-47, Block-c, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o District Manager, Punjab State Civil Supplies Corp Ltd, SCF-47, Block-c, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2988 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Suman Kumar as the Appellant

Sh.Amandeep Singh, APIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 09.02.2021 has sought information on 33 points regarding service matter – posting orders alongwith stay for the period from 04/2013 to 03/2018 at Amritsar of District Managers, deputy managers and field officers – copy of office notings and material sent to Head office Punsup for fact finding enquiry by District Office Punsup Amritsar against Suman Kumar, Inspector-II – copy of letter dated 11.07.1985 to all DMs filing civil action on behalf of Punsup – inspections/tours conducted by district managers, filed officers and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Amritsar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 25.03.2021 which took no decision on the appeal. After filing first appeal, the PIO sent reply to the appellant on 01.04.2021 to which the appellant was satisfied and filed 2nd appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. The respondent present pleaded that the available information has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 01.04.2021 and no further information is available in their record. Further the information relating to point No.15 relates to Head office.

The appellant is not satisfied with the provided information and has pointed out discrepancies vide letter received in the Commission on 31.12.2021 which has been taken on record.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the PIO is directed to remove the discrepancies as pointed out by the appellant and provide whatever information is available in the record. If no further information is available, the PIO to give in writing on an affidavit that the information that has been provided, is true, complete and no further information is available in the record relating to this RTI application. A copy of the reply submitted by the appellant is being sent along with the order for the PIO.

The PIO is also directed to transfer the RTI application relating to point-5 to the head office u/s 6(3) of the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **30.05.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Chandigarh Dated: 11.01.2022

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Sh Ramesh Kumar S/o Sh Lt Sh Amarnath, H NO-U-1652, Sardar Nagar, Opp Old Central Jail, Ajnala Road, Amritsar.

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o SSP, Rural, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o SSP, Rural, Amritsar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2977 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Ramesh Kumar as the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 12.03.2021 has sought information regarding copy of application No.IGP-2326 dated 10.12.2019 as mentioned in para No.3 of the SSP Amritsar Memo No.2302 dated 18.09.2020 - copy of application No.1840 NHRC dated 06.08.2020 from Jyoti Parkash Sharma in reference to SP Amritsar(Rural) Memo No.128-5 AP dt.15.09.2020 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SSP(Rural), Amritsar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 19.04.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

Versus

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent is absent and vide email has informed that the information has already been supplied to the appellant on 06.08.2020 in appeal case No.2041/21 which has been disposed of.

As per appellant, the information sought in this appeal case is different of that appeal case No.2041/21.

I am not in agreement with the reply of the PIO since the appellant has asked for specific documents and the reply of the PIO is not in tandem with the sought information.

The PIO is directed to relook at the RTI application and provide information to the appellant within 15 days of the receipt of the order and send a compliance report to the Commission.

To come up for further hearing on **30.05.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

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Sh Ramesh Kumar S/o Sh Lt Sh Amarnath, H NO-U-1652, Sardar Nagar, Opp Old Central Jail, Ajnala Road, Amritsar.

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o SSP, Rural, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o SSP, Rural, Amritsar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3004 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Ramesh Kumar as the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 19.04.2021 has sought information regarding reply forwarded through email to PSIC in reference to appeal cases No.3585/20, 3588/20, 3589/20 & 3607/20 heard on 24.03.2021 – photo copy of dak dispatch register containing the details of dispatch of reply and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SSP (Rural), Amritsar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 18.06.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

Versus

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent is absent nor is represented.

The PIO is directed to provide information to the appellant within 15 days of the receipt of the order and send a compliance report to the Commission.

To come up for further hearing on **30.05.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

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Versus



Sh.Kamalpreet Singh # 134, Basant City, Tharike, P.O.Lalton Kalan, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Civil Surgeon,

Patiala.

First Appellate Aurhority, O/o Civil Surgeon Patiala. Respondents

Appeal Case No.443 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Kamalpreet Singh as the appellant

Dr.S.J.Singh for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through the RTI application dated 12.10.2020 has sought information regarding the exact name of Pathology, Microbiology, Histopathology or any other tests conducted by the laboratory of Health department Bathinda since 2010-11 in which chemicals namely potassium iodide, N-Hexane, carbon Tetra Chloride are used—a copy of current stock position on 12.10.2020 from 2010-11 of all chemicals and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Civil Surgeon Bathinda. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 25.11.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 16.08.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Patiala. The respondent was absent. As per a letter received from the PIO on 20.05.2021, the information had been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 25.01.2021 and again on 10.05.2021.

The appellant was not satisfied with the supplied information.

The appellant was directed to point out the discrepancies to the PIO with a copy to the Commission and the PIO was directed to sort out the discrepancies and provide whatever information is available on record. The PIO was directed to appear at the next hearing.

Hearing dated 11.01.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala/Ludhiana/Patiala. As per respondent, the information has already been provided to the appellant.

The appellant is not satisfied and informed that in the reply/letter dated 25.01.2021 & 10.05.2021, relating to information on point-b, the respondent says that they have neither received any such chemical nor they have used these chemicals in any kind of testing whereas in one letter No.41 dated 07.01.2021, it has been informed that Carbon Tetra – Chloride (1x2.5 ltrs) is lying surplus in PHC Shatruana Patiala. The appellant has also sent copies of these letters via email which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

Having gone through the RTI application and the discrepancies pointed out by the appellant, the PIO is given one last opportunity to reconcile and sort out the discrepancies as pointed out by the appellant.

To come up for further hearing on **30.05.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear through VC at DAC Patiala.

Chandigarh Dated: 11.01.2022