



Sh Lajpat Rai, S/o Sh Harbans Lal,
R/o Roamana Street, Tehsil Jaito,
Distt Faridkot.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC,
Jaito, Distt Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Regional Deputy Director,
Local Govt, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2170 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Lajpat Rai as the Appellant
Sh.Gurdas Singh, PIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 13.02.2020 has sought information on 11 points regarding copy of letter issued to audit parties for action against employees relating to misappropriation of funds alongwith amount recovered – copy of stock register of GS issued from 01.01.2020 upto date – Dak book photo copies from 01.01.2020 to 2020 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of EO-MC Jaito. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 16.03.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 29.11.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. Due to network problem in the VC, the hearing could not take place. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 11.04.2022:

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

The respondent PIO has brought the information.

The PIO is directed to hand over the information to the appellant.

The appellant is directed to point out the discrepancies if any in the information to the PO and the PIO is directed to remove the same and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **10.08.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

Chandigarh
Dated: 11.04.2022

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...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2171 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Lajpat Rai as the Appellant
Sh.Gurdas Singh, PIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 13.02.2020 has sought information on 10 points regarding proceedings done against Ramesh Kumar Suresh Kumar employees remained in prison and on bail – proceeding done against Ramesh Kumar, Kamal Sharma Naib Singh including copies of letters issued and answers – cash book from 01.01.2020 upto date and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of EO-MC Jaito. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 16.03.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 29.11.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. Due to network problem in the VC, the hearing could not take place. The case was adjourned.

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The respondent PIO has brought the information.

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Local Govt, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2172 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Lajpat Rai as the Appellant
Sh.Gurdas Singh,PIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 07.03.2020, has sought information on 10 points regarding action taken by the office on Ramesh Kumar, Suresh Kumar after imprisonment – action taken by NC Jaito on the charge sheet issued to employees by Principal Secretary Local Govt. for misappropriation of record – receipt/dispatch register attendance register from 14.02.2019 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of EO-MC Jaito. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 16.03.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 29.11.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. Due to a network problem in the VC, the hearing could not occur. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 11.04.2022:

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

The respondent present informed that they had not received the 2nd page of the RTI application.

The appellant has handed over the 2nd page of the RTI application to the PIO.

The PIO is directed to provide information to the appellant as per the RTI application and send a compliance report to the Commission.

If the appellant finds any discrepancies in the information being provided, the appellant is directed to point out the discrepancies to the PO, and the PIO is directed to remove the same.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **10.08.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

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First Appellate Authority,
O/o Regional Deputy Director,
Local Govt, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2173 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Lajpat Rai as the Appellant
Sh.Gurdas Singh, PIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 07.03.2020, has sought information on 11 points regarding vigilance enquiry against Davinder Kumar 29/18 from 01.04.2019 to up to date, alongwith enquiry reports and other orders thereon – a copy of letters received from the authorities against Ramesh Kumar, Prem Chand, Kaushal Sharma during the probation period and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of EO-MC Jaito. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 16.03.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 29.11.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. Due to a network problem in the VC, the hearing could not occur. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 11.04.2022:

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

The respondent PIO has brought the sought information and handed it over to the appellant.

The PIO is directed to hand over the information to the appellant.

The appellant is directed to point out the discrepancies in the information to the PO, and the PIO is directed to remove the same and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **10.08.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

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Jaito, Distt Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Regional Deputy Director,
Local Govt, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2191 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Lajpat Rai as the Appellant
Sh.Gurdas Singh, PIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 07.03.2020, has sought information on 08 points regarding the audit report sent by Deputy Commissioner Faridkot after Ramesh Kumar, Kaushal Sharma was found liable by the Audit department, and under which rule they were acquitted, and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of EO-MC Jaito. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 16.03.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 29.11.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. Due to a network problem in the VC, the hearing could not occur. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 11.04.2022:

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

The respondent PIO has brought the information.

The PIO is directed to hand over the information to the appellant.

The appellant is directed to point out the discrepancies in the information to the PO, and the PIO is directed to remove the same and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **10.08.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

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Sh Bittu, S/o Sh Om Kumar,
Village Bholapur Jhabewal,
P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Assistant,
Food and Civil Supplies Officer,
Central Sahnewal, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 555 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Complainant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 31.03.2021 has sought information regarding action taken on the complaint dated 19.03.2021 alongwith office noting/correspondence and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Asstt.Food & Civil Supply Officer, Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 03.05.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last come up for hearing on 29.11.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 11.04.2022:

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

The complainant vide email has informed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

There is nothing on record which shows that the RTI application has been attended to by the PIO.

In the interest of justice, one more opportunity is given and the PIO is directed to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act otherwise the Commission will be constrained to take action against the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **09.08.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Chandigarh
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... Complainant

Versus

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

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 556 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Complainant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 31.03.2021, has sought information regarding action taken on the complaint dated 19.03.2021 alongwith office noting/correspondence and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Principal Secretary, Food Civil Supply and Consumer Affairs, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 03.05.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 29.11.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 11.04.2022:

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

The complainant, vide email, has informed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

There is nothing on record which shows that the RTI application has been attended to by the PIO.

In the interest of justice, one more opportunity is given, and the PIO is directed to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act; otherwise, the Commission will be constrained to take action against the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **09.08.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

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Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Social Security Officer,
Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4116 of 2020

Present: None for the Appellant
Mrs Inderpreet Kaur, DSCO for the Respondent

Order:

The case first came up for hearing on 17.03.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The Commission received a reply of the PIO dated 10.02.2021 through email which was taken on the file of the Commission.

In the reply, the PIO mentioned that the appellant is running a business of contracts in a house nearby this institution and unnecessarily interfering in the functioning of the management of the school since he wants to take over the management of this institution, for which a complaint has also been filed against Pargat Masih on 17.08.2020 in police station Jamalpur. The PIO further mentioned in the reply that the school is being run for the welfare of blind girls/boys and the responsibility for the security of these children lies on the DSSO and its staff whereas Sh. Pargat Masih has sought information regarding the decisions taken by the SSSO and its staff which cannot be provided keeping in view the welfare and security aspect of the children.

Having gone through the RTI application especially points 1 and 3, and hearing both the parties, the Commission was of the view that the information that is being sought is purely about the list of members and office bearers etc, of the Committee constituted in the Govt School for blinds, to make the decision for allowing blind children to attend any function, competition or any other programme outside, and parting with this information cannot pose any security threat to the institution about which the information is being sought. Moreover, the respondent has written a long response about the concerns but has not availed of any exemption as provided under the RTI ACT to deny the information. However, that does not imply that the commission has not taken cognizance of the concern raised by the respondent in parting with the information.

Given the above, Information was to be provided for points 1 & 3.

The commission carefully assessed the sought information in point -2 and keeping in mind the concerns raised by the PIO, directed the PIO to submit the information regarding point-2 in a sealed envelope to the commission.

On the date of the hearing **15.06.2021**, both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

On the hearing date on **18.08.2021**, the appellant informed that the PIO has supplied the information on point 1 only.

The respondent was absent on 2nd consecutive hearing nor had complied with the previous order of the commission to send information regarding point-2 to the Commission in a sealed envelope as well as not supplied the information to the appellant on point-3.

There has been an enormous delay of more than one year and ten months in providing the information and the PIO had not complied with the order of the Commission. The PIO was issued a **show-cause under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file a reply on an affidavit.**

On the date of the last hearing on **09.02.2022**, both the parties were absent. The PIO was given one last opportunity to file a reply to the show-cause notice otherwise, it will be presumed that the PIO has nothing to say on the matter and the Commission will act against the PIO as per provisions of section 20 of the RTI Act.

Hearing dated 11.04.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Mrs. Inderpreet Kaur-DSCO is present and informed that the remaining information has also been provided to the appellant.

The appellant is absent nor is represented.

The PIO has not filed a reply to the show-cause notice. The PIO is given one more opportunity to file a reply to the show-cause notice otherwise, it will be presumed that the PIO has nothing to say on the matter and the Commission will take penal action against the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **09.08.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

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