



Sh. Harmesh Lal S/o Sh Chaman Lal,
R/o Village Jandu Singha,
P.S Adampur,
Tehsil & Distt Jalandhar-2

... Complainant

Versus

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

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 200 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Harmesh Lal as the Complainant
Sh.Major Singh, SI for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 15.10.2020 has sought information regarding (1) order No.1 Deputy Inspector dated 20.01.2002 relating to ACR ; (2)order No.2 - 613-18/ST dated 04.03.2020 from SSP Moga (3) appeal AS Harmesh Lal No.90/FRT Distt.Moga dated 18.03.2002 - action is taken report and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of DIG, Ferozepur Cantt. The complainant was not provided with the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 15.02.2021.

The case last came up for hearing on 11.05.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. The respondent informed that the available information concerning their respective office has already been provided to the complainant and the remaining information relates to the office of Director General of Police, Pb Chandigarh. The Commission has also received a copy of a letter dated 23.03.2021 from the PIO whereby the PIO had sent a reply to the complainant.

In the said letter, the PIO had mentioned that the information relating to points 3, 7, 8 &9 relates to the office of DGP, Pb- Chandigarh and the appellant may get the information from the office of DGP. However, the PIO had not transferred the RTI application to the office of DGP u/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, which should have been done.

The PIO-DGP, Punjab, Chandigarh was impleaded in the case and directed to provide the information on the remaining points, as per the provisions of the RTI Act. (a copy of which was sent along with the order)

On the date of last hearing on **18.08.2021**, the order dated 11.05.2021 sent to the PIO-DGP, Pb Chandigarh was received back with the remarks of postal authority "incomplete address".

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A copy of the order along with a copy of the RTI application was sent again to the PIO-DGP- Punjab, Sector 9, Chandigarh with the direction to look at the RTI application and provide information to the appellant concerning the office of the DGP, Punjab.

Hearing dated 11.11.2021:

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

As per the respondent, the information relates to the office of DGP, Pb Chandigarh.

The respondent PIO from the DGP office is absent nor is represented.

Earlier order stands. Also, I am marking an order of the copy to the DGP, Punjab to ensure its reconciliation.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **22.03.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. The PIO-DGP, Pb Chandigarh to appear at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh
Dated 11.11.2021

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

CC to PIO-Director General of Police,Pb
Sector 9, Chandigarh.



Sh. Pawan Kumar Sharma,
585, Phase-2, Mohali.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Food & Civil Supplies Controller,
Phase-2, Mohali

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Food & Civil Supplies Controller,
Phase-2, Mohali

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3887 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Ms.Rajdeep Kaur, Food Safety Officer for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 11.08.2020 has sought information regarding Letter No.237-38/SPS-2 dated 12.09.2019 received from the office of DC Mohali in respect of a complaint against Bikanervala, A journey of traditional Indian Govt. delight, Connaught Plaza TDI City with noting and decision of all concerned – present status of the case and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of District Food & Civil Supplies Controller, Pb Mohali. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 07.10.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 06.05.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. The respondent present pleaded that a complaint dated 01.09.2019 was filed by the appellant in the office of Deputy Commissioner against eatery Bikanerwala, Journey Traditional Indian Delight SAS Nagar relating to unhygienic food being served in the said restaurant.

As per the respondent present from the office DFCSC office, the RTI was forwarded by the DC office to their office and the office of Civil Surgeon, SAS Nagar on 12.09.2019. The respondent further maintained that the information sought in the RTI application does not relate to their office and was inadvertently sent to them. And since the appropriate action taking authority, in this case, was the office of Civil Surgeon, SAS Nagar, it was the office of the Civil surgeon under whose custody this information lies. The PIO- DFCSC was exempted.

Since a copy of the RTI application was marked to Civil Surgeon, SAS Nagar Mohali by the DC office, the Civil Surgeon Mohali was directed to provide information as per the RTI Act within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission. A copy of the RTI was sent along.

Hearing dated 03.08.2021:

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

As per the respondent from the office of Civil Surgeon, Mohali, the information has been provided to the appellant.

The appellant is absent.

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From the perusal of the case, it has come to my notice that the PIO has supplied the information relating to another RTI application (16.11.2019) of the same appellant, and has not tended to this particular RTI application as claimed.

The PIO-Civil Surgeon, Mohali is directed to provide information as per the RTI application of 11.08.2020 and file a suitable reply for the negligence in handling the RTI application of 11.08.2020.

To come up for further hearing on **23.03.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.

Chandigarh
Dated: 11.11.2021

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

CC to PIO-Civil Surgeon,
SAS Nagar, Mohali



Sh Vivek Baghla,
B-2857, Bank Colony,
Badha Road, Fazilka.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sr. Medical Officer,
Civil Hospital, Fazilka.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 215 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Vivek Baghla as the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through an RTI application dated 23.12.2020 has sought information regarding the implementation of section 4 of the RTI Act – inspection of Attendance record/CCTV footage of Dr.Simi Jasuja and Ranjana Gupta from 08.01.2019 – total number of ultrasounds conducted for pregnant women/patients from 08.01.2019 and payment collected therefrom - and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SMO Civil Hospital, Fazilka. The complainant was not provided with the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 16.02.2021.

The case last came up for hearing on 12.07.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. The complainant informed that the PIO has not provided the information.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the following was concluded:

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| - Point-A | - | I am marking this to the Civil Surgeon to take necessary steps for implementation of section 4 (b) of the RTI Act and file a progress report at the next date of hearing. |
| - Point-B | - | The appellant does not want to pursue the information as enumerated in point 2 of the RTI application. |
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| - Point-C | - | The PIO to invoke section 10 and provide only the total number of ultrasounds and collections made. No names are to be provided. |
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| | | appellant has agreed to the same. |
| - Point-D | - | PIO to send appropriate reply |

Hearing dated 11.11.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. The PIO is absent. The Commission has received a copy of a letter dated 15.07.2021 from the PIO via an email in which the PIO has claimed to have sent the information to the appellant.

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The appellant claims that he has received the information on point-B & D but the PIO has not supplied the information on points A & C.

The PIO is given one more opportunity to provide information on point-A & C to the appellant within 10 days with a copy to the Commission otherwise the Commission will be constrained to initiate action against the PIO under the provisions of section 20 of the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further compliance on **23.03.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.

Chandigarh
Dated : 11.11.2021

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Prem Singh, S/o Sh Jaspal Singh,
VPO Amarpura, Tehsil Abohar,
Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o CDPO, Abohar,
Distt. Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPO,
Fazilka.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 274 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
 Ms.Renu Bala O/o CDPO and Ms.Navneet Kaur, Clerk O/o DFSO for the
 Respondent

ORDER:

The case first came up for hearing on 11.05.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. Both the parties were absent.

The Commission received an email from the District Social Security Officer, Fazilka whereby the said officer had attached a letter sent to District Program Officer, Fazilka. In the letter, the District Social Security Officer sent a copy of instructions dated 16.08.2017 of their head office to District Programme Officer, Fazilka and informed the District Programme officer that as per instructions of the head office, the APRs up to the year 20/12 is no longer available in their office.

The reply appeared to be vague, and the PIO CDPO was directed to be present at the next hearing to clarify the contents of the above letter.

The PIO-District Social Security Officer was also impleaded in the case and directed to relook at the RTI application and send an appropriate reply on all points.

On the date of the last hearing on **18.08.2021**, both the parties were absent.

The PIO-CDPO Abohar and the PIO-DSSO were given one last opportunity to appear before the commission on the next date of hearing and file an explanation for not complying with the order of the Commission, failure to which would attract action under section 20 of the RTI Act.

Hearing dated 11.11.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. As per the respondent from CDPO, the sought information is in the custody of the DSSO. The respondent from DSSO office has brought no information,

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The PIO-DSSO is directed to appear before the Commission at Chandigarh on the next date of hearing along with the complete record relating to this RTI application. The PIO –CDPO to also appear.

To come up for further hearing on **23.03.2022** at 11.00 AM.

Chandigarh
Dated :11.11.2021

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

CC to: PIO-District Social Security Officer,
Fazilka



Sh Ram Kumar, S/o Sh Lal Singh,
Village Alamgarh, Tehsil Abohar,
Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Food Safety Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Food and Drug Administration,
O/o civil Surgeon, Fazilka.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 901 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Ram Kumar as the Appellant

Sh.Ishan Bansal, Food Safety Officer Fazilka for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 05.08.2020 has sought information regarding the copy of rule/circular for collecting samples by the food safety officer – total number of samples collected for milk by Gagandeep Kaur Food safety officer from 22.03.2018 to 24.03.2018 along with the location for taking samples – a copy of notices in form V served on the spot for collecting samples and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Food Safety Officer, Civil Surgeon Fazilka. The appellant was denied the information by the PIO vide letter dated 22.09.2020 stating that the information is 3rd party after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 28.09.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 12.07.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. As per the appellant, the PIO had denied the information for point-1 on the ground that it be procured from the Civil Surgeon, Fazilka. Regarding points 2 & 3 the PIO denied the information on the grounds that it is 3rd party as well as that it falls under Section 8(h) of the RTI Act.

The respondent was absent.

The Commission observed that the PIO had clearly tried to deny the information. Regarding point 1, the RTI application should have been transferred to the PIO Civil Surgeon, Fazilka under section 6 (3), which the PIO did not.

Regarding points 2 & 3 the Commission observed that while invoking section 8(h) of the RTI Act the PIO denied the information without any speaking order that why section 8 (h) has been invoked. Further to that, the PIO invoked section 11 without following due procedure.

Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission found that there is no part of the information that falls under the exempted category and hence the PIO was directed to provide the information regarding points 2 & 3 to the appellant within 15 days and send a copy to the Commission.

Regarding point-1, the PIO Civil Surgeon, Fazilka was impleaded and directed to provide the information within 15 days.

Hearing dated 11.11.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. As per the respondent, the information has to be provided by Food Safety Officer, Faridkot since the record is with the FSO Faridkot and the reply received from them has already been sent to the appellant.

As per the reply, the information has been denied on the basis of a letter dated 09.08.2021 of the Govt of India.

Since the order has already been passed to provide information, the PIO-Food Safety Officer, Fazilka is directed to procure the information from the custody of the relevant officer and provide it to the appellant, failure to which the Commission will be constrained to initiate action against the PIO under the provisions of section 20 of the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **23.03.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.

Chandigarh
Dated : 11.11.2021

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commission

CC to :1.Civil Surgeon, Fazilka

2. District Food Safety Officer, Faridkot



Sh. Manjit Singh, S/o Sh Jagat Singh,
Village Kathgarh, Tehsil Jalalabad (East),
P.O Chak Varoka, Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Drug Inspector,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
Civil Surgeon,
Fazilka.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1044 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Manjit Singh as the Appellant
Sh.Shant Kumar for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through the RTI application dated 27.11.2020 has sought information regarding action taken on the application dated 27.10.2020 filed for taking legal action and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Drug Inspector Fazilka. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 16.12.2020 after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 28.12.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 12.07.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. As per the respondent, the information had been provided.

The appellant was not satisfied and stated that he had asked for action taken on the application along with noting/correspondence.

The PIO was directed to provide whatever action has been taken on the application of the appellant along with all notings/correspondence. The information be provided within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

Hearing dated 11.11.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. As per the respondent, the inspection was conducted and a reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 21.09.2021.

The appellant is not satisfied and claims that the PIO has not provided the action taken on the application dated 27.10.2020.

The PIO is directed to provide whatever action has been taken on the application dated 27.10.2020 relating to the RTI application.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further compliance on **23.03.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.

Chandigarh
Dated : 11.11.2021

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commission



Sh Satish Kumar, S/o Sh Vijay Kumar,
Village Kandhwala Haajar Kha,
Tehsil & Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DFSC,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Addl, Deputy Commissioner (Development),
Fazilka.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1154 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Satish Kumar as the Appellant
Sh.Gurvidner Singh, Inspector for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 25.08.2020 has sought information on 07 points regarding settlement of a complaint filed on 14.08.2019 relating to depot holder – the name of both parties – place of settlement – persons involved during settlement - and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of DFSC Fazilka. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 02.10.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was first heard on 20.07.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. As per the appellant, the information was not provided.

The respondent brought the information. The respondent was directed to provide the information to the appellant. The appellant was directed to point out the discrepancies if any to the PIO with a copy to the Commission and the PIO was directed to remove the same.

Since there had been an enormous delay of more than ten months in attending to the RTI application. The PIO was issued a **show-cause notice 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 **18.08.2021**, the respondent informed that the information has been supplied to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. The Commission received a copy of the letter dated 11.08.2021 from the PIO through email which was taken on the file of the Commission.

In the letter, it was mentioned that the issue of complaint was settled on the request letter of Sh.Vijay Kumar father of the appellant whereby Sh. Vijay Kumar informed that he is regularly getting ration from the depot holder and does not want any action against the depot holder. The request letter was duly verified by the Sarpanch of the concerned village.

As per the appellant, the PIO had not supplied the list of cardholders. As per the respondent, the detail is already available on the website of the department.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply of the PIO, the Commission found that the RTI application has been suitably replied to and information has been provided to the best possible extent. However, the PIO had not filed the reply to the show-cause notice.

Further, the Commission was of the view that since the appellant had to suffer undue inconvenience to get the information, it was a fit case for awarding compensation to the appellant u/s 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act.

The PIO- District Food Supply Controller, Fazilka was directed to pay an amount of **Rs.2000/-** via demand draft through Govt. Treasury as compensation to the appellant and submit proof of having compensated the appellant.

The decision on show cause was to be taken on the next date of hearing after receipt of reply from the PIO.

Hearing dated 11.11.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. As per the respondent, compensation has been provided to the appellant.

The Commission has received the reply of the PIO along with copy of the receipt of compensation by way cash amount of Rs.2000/- by the appellant which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

As per receipt, the PIO has paid the compensation by way of cash to the appellant which is not the correct way of providing compensation since it is clearly mentioned in the order to provide compensation by way of demand draft. The appellant is directed to return the cash amount to the PIO and the PIO is directed to pay compensation by way of demand draft and send a copy of the same to the commission.

Further having gone through the reply, it is concluded that whatever might have been the agreement between Sh.Vijay Kumar, father of the appellant and the department, this agreement cannot be considered as an appropriate reply to the RTI application. There is clear dereliction in handling the RTI application and there has been a delay of more than ten months in providing the information.

Even though the RTI has been suitably reply as discussed in the earlier order but the reply was sent to the appellant after the order of the Commission dated 20.07.2021 i.e. with a delay of more than ten months.

Since the responsibility to ensure the timely transmission of the information to the appellant lies on the PIO, Sh.Arun Kumar-PIO-DFSC Fazilka is hereby held guilty for not providing the information on time as prescribed under section 7, which is within 30 days of the receipt of the request. He is also held guilty of repeated defiance of the orders of the Punjab State Information Commission to provide the information.

Hence, given the above facts a penalty of **Rs.10,000/-** is imposed on Sh.Arun Kumar-PIO- DFSC, Fazilka which will be deposited in the Govt. Treasury. The PIO is directed to duly inform the Commission about the compliance of the orders by producing a copy of the challan as evidence of depositing the penalty in the Govt Treasury.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **23.03.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.



Sh Prithpal Singh, S/o Sh Sadhu Singh,
R/o Flat No-910, Top Floor,
J.T.P.L Township, Sector-115,
Landran Road, Kharar, Mohali.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SGPC,
Teja Singh Samundri Hall,
Sri Darar Sahib Complex,
Amritsar.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 258 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Prithpal Singh as the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 09.01.2021 has sought information regarding the copy of a resolution passed by Executive Committee SGPC Amritsar with regard to financial relief of Rs.50000/- to be extended annually to each of 222 Dharmi Fujiz of 1984 dismissed from army service by way of a general court-martial and not getting any govt pension – a copy of the resolution passed by EC SGPC for relief of Rs.50000/- to be extended to each of 43 Dharmi faujis of 1984 dismissed by way of summary court and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SGPC Teja Singh Samundri Hall Amritsar. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 01.03.2021.

The case last came up for hearing on 12.07.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar/Mohali. Both the parties were absent.

The PIO was directed to provide the sought information as per record, within fifteen days.

It was also observed that the SGPC is not being duly represented in any of the cases which have come for hearing before this bench in the past, nor has its PIO been filing any reasonable reasons for absence or exemption. The PIO was directed to ensure that the SGPC is well represented during the hearings at PSIC.

Hearing dated 11.11.2021:

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

The respondent is absent and vide email has sought adjournment on the plea that this case is fixed for argument in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on 11.11.2021 (SLP-22350).

The case is adjourned. To come up for further compliance on **23.03.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar. The complainant to appear through VC at DAC Mohali.



Sh Vinod Kumar, S/o Sh Mulkh Raj,
70, Shingar Avenue, Opposite Post Office,
Chheharta, Amritsar.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Social Security Women & child Welfare,
Pb, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 260 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Ms. Indu Bala, APIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through the RTI application dated 26.08.2020 has sought information regarding details of the total number of posts of Senior Assistants & Superintendents from the year 1996-97 to 2010-11 and the posts filled year wise and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Director, Social Security Women & Child Welfare, Pb Chandigarh. The PIO denied the information to the complainant vide letter dated 09.09.2020 stating that the information sought is creative and it cannot be provided. Thereafter the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 02.03.2021.

The case last came up for hearing on 12.07.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. The complainant claimed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent was absent without any legitimate reasons for the absence. The PIO had refused the information on the grounds that it is 'creative information.' It was observed that this is an absurd term to use, and prima facie the PIO had not applied his/her mind in understanding the scope of information required and sent an arbitrary reply denying the information by claiming that it is creative. The Commission had taken a serious view of this, and issued a **show-cause notice to the PIO under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for denial of information on flimsy grounds and not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time. The PIO was directed to file a reply on an affidavit in this regard**

Hearing dated 11.11.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. The PIO is absent nor has sent any reply to the show cause notice, as well as not provided the information. There is clear dereliction in handling the RTI application and there has been a delay of more than one year and three months in providing the information.

Since the responsibility to ensure the timely transmission of the information to the appellant lies on the PIO, and as per respondent, Sh.Charanjit Singh Mann is the PIO, Sh.Charanjit Singh Mann-PIO-O/o Director, Social Security Women & Child Welfare is hereby held guilty for not providing the information on time as prescribed under section 7, which is within 30 days of the receipt of the request. He is also held guilty of repeated defiance of the orders of the Punjab State Information Commission to provide the information.

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Hence, given the above facts a penalty of **Rs.10,000/-** is imposed on Sh.Charanjit Singh Mann-PIO-O/o Director, Social Security Women & Child Welfare, Pb which will be deposited in the Govt. Treasury. The PIO is directed to duly inform the Commission about the compliance of the orders by producing a copy of the challan as evidence of depositing the penalty in the Govt Treasury.

Further, the Commission is of the view that since the appellant has had to suffer undue inconvenience to get the information, it is a fit case for awarding compensation to the appellant u/s 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act.

Hence the PIO- Director, Social Security Women & Child Welfare is directed to pay an amount of **Rs.5,000/-** via demand draft through Govt. Treasury as compensation to the appellant for the loss and detriment suffered by him of having to file the appeals and not getting information in time. The PIO is directed to duly inform the commission of the compliance of the order and submit proof of having compensated the appellant.

To come up for further hearing on **23.03.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh
Dated : 11.11.2021

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner