



Sh. Rajesh Saini, (9041939234)

S/o Late Sh. Khem Chand Saini,
House No 231, Sector 46 A, Chandigarh-160047

.....Appellant/Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Managing Director, Punjab State Cooperative Bank Ltd,
Sector 34, Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

First Appellate Authority

O/o Managing Director, Punjab State Cooperative Bank Ltd,
Sector 34, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No.1210 of 2021

RTI application filed on	:	17-11-2020
PIO replied on	:	08-12-2020
First appeal filed on	:	31-12-2020
First Appellate Authority order	:	-

ORDER:

1. To be read in the continuity of previous order dated 18.10.2021 vide which the decision was reserved in the above mentioned case. **Decision announced on 13.12.2021.**

Observations:

1. The Complainant filed above mentioned appeal case in the Commission dated 05.03.2021. The appellant has sought information regarding the “**status of application dated 12.10.2020 in connection with applications dated 18.03.2019, 29.04.2019**” from the Managing Director, Punjab State Cooperative Bank Ltd, Chandigarh.
2. **Written submission from Respondent:** A correspondence pertaining to the information sought by the appellant, has been received by the Commission vide dated 08.10.2021 vide diary no. 22945, which is taken on record with all its supporting enclosures. Therein, respondent apprised of the matter that the respondent bank is not covered in the definition of “Public Authority” as defined in 2(h) of RTI Act. Further, he added that interim stay orders dated 01.10.2015 has been passed by Hon’ble High Court in CWP20904 of 2015 filed by the bank and the matter is sub judice.
3. In view of the observations noted above, the present appeal case be kept abeyance so as to await the outcome of the decision of Hon’rable High court in said CWP-20904 of 2015 and then deal the case accordingly. This instant case is remanded to the concerned First Appellate Authority with the directions to call the appellant **Sh. Rajesh Saini** at appropriate stage (as discussed above) and provide him the necessary information/reply.

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4. A compliance report of the same has to be sent in the commission. However, the liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission in case any submission after the aforesaid time period.

The appeal is disposed of accordingly, with the above observations and directions.

Chandigarh
Dated: 13.12.2021

Sd/-
(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Pb.