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Smt Dimple Kumar W/o Sh Nirmal Kumar, VPO Tibber, Distt Gurdaspur.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Director, Ayurveda Department, Sector-11, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 409 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Complainant

Sh.Bramjot Singh, PIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through an RTI application dated 28.12.2020 has sought information regarding the name category and merit list of 16 pharmacists recruited against the advertisement published on 04.12.2020 in Ajit Newspaper and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Director Ayurveda Department, Pb Chandigarh. The complainant was not provided with the information provided after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 01.04.2021.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Gurdaspur. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been sent to the complainant vide letter dated 04.08.2021 with a copy to the Commission. The Commission has received a copy of the letter dated 04.08.2021 of the PIO on 18.08.2021 which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

The complainant is absent nor is represented.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **18.01.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

Chandigarh Dated: 15.09.2021

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Sh Avtar Singh, S/o Lt Sh Diwan Singh, VPO Khokhar Faujian, Tehsil Batala, Distt Gurdaspur.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o AFSO.

Batala, Distt Gurdaspur.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 402 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Avtar Singh as the Complainant

Sh.Ramesh Kumar, AFSO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 07.12.2020 has sought information regarding the list of beneficiaries for distributing wheat @Rs.2/- per kg – eligible persons to avail benefits on a single card – order of the Govt for depot holders to distribute wheat at the residence of the sarpanch of the village – order/circular of the Govt to retain the bills by depot holder issued through e-POS and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of AFSO Batala. The complainant was not provided with the information provided after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 31.03.2021.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Gurdaspur. As per respondent, the information has been supplied to the complainant on 18.08.2021.

As per complainant, the information is incomplete and has been provided with a delay of more than eight months.

Since this is a complainant case and the complainant has come to the Commission without going to the First Appellate Authority, if the complainant is not satisfied with the provided information, he should go to the First Appellate Authority.

However, there has been an enormous delay of more than eight months in attending to the RTI application, the PIO is directed to **show cause why penalty should not be imposed under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed 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 persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **18.01.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

Chandigarh Dated: 15.09.2021

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Sh Dalbir Singh, S/o Sh Surjit Singh, R/o Jafarwal, Tehsil & Distt Grudsapur.

... Complainant

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director,
Social Security, Women & Child Development Deptt,
Sector-34, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 401 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Complainant

Ms.Neema Devi Suptd. for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 11.02.2021 has sought information regarding enquiry report on the enquiry conducted by the department against Jagtar Singh who was terminated in 2014 and reinstated in 2018 along with his posting details in Tarn taran – a copy of the complaint against Jagtar Singh clerk CDPO Ajnala filed in 2017 along with a copy of enquiry report – a copy of the complaint against Jagtar Singh clerk Children Home Gurdaspur on the transfer along with a copy of enquiry report of the Committee and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Director, Social Security, Women & Child Development Pb Chandigarh. The complainant was not provided with the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 31.03.2021.

Versus

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Gurdaspur. The respondent is present at Chandigarh and pleaded that the enquiry has been conducted and the enquiry report along with other information has been sent to the complainant on 26.08.2021.

The complainant is absent without any legitimate reasons for the absence nor is represented.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observes that there has been an enormous delay or more than six months in attending to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to **show cause why penalty should not be not imposed under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed 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 persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **18.01.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

Chandigarh Dated: 15.09.2021

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Sh Sanjeev Kumar, H No-14- A/29, Shivpuri, Mohalla, Dhuri, Distt Sangrur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Sri Ganesh Mandir, Chamber Bagh, Backside Mahavir Mandir, Near Old Age Home, Dhuri, Distt Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Manager, Sri Ganesh Mandir, Chamber Bagh, Backside Mahavir Mandir, Near Old Age Home, Dhuri, Distt Sangrur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1409 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Sanjeev Kumar as the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 05.12.2020 has sought information regarding balance sheets relating to income and expenditure of Sri Ganesh Mandir for the last 10 years – funds received through donation along with receipts issued – expenses made along with expenditure bills – information relating to managing committee for last 10 years and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Manager Sri Ganesh Mandir Dhuri. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal on 06.01.2021.

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

The respondent is absent, nor is represented.

The respondent is given one more opportunity to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with a written reply to this notice.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **04.01.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur.

Chandigarh Dated: 15.09.2021