



Sh. Yogesh Mahajan S/o Sh
Kuldeep Raj Mahajan, Opposite
Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission road,
Pathankot.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Water Supply and
Sanitation, Division No-3,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SE, Water Supply and Sanitation
Circle, Bathinda.

....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1276 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 06.01.2020 has sought information regarding works undertaken/carried out in Sub Divisions i) Bhagta Phika 2) Mour 3) Bathinda – work order book of all subdivisions – comparative statements for which no tender called, from the office of Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Division No.3, Bathinda. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 05.02.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 28.09.2020 through video conferencing at DAC Bathinda. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 03.03.2020. The appellant was absent and vide email informed that the PIO has not provided the information.

The PIO was directed to resend the information to the appellant within a week with a copy to the Commission.

On the date of the next hearing on 03.11.2020, both the parties were absent. The appellant vide email informed that the PIO has not provided the information. The PIO was directed to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and provide the information to the appellant within a week with a copy to the Commission and explain the reasons for the delay in providing the information.

On the date of hearing on **05.01.2021**, both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

On the date of last hearing on 11.08.2021, the appellant informed that the PIO has not provided the information despite the order of the Commission.

The respondent was absent on the 2nd consecutive hearing had complied with the order of the Commission. The PIO was given one last opportunity to comply with the order of the Commission and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with the explanation for not complying with the order of the Commission.

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Hearing dated 15.12.2021:

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

The appellant vide email has informed that he has received the information from the PIO.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is **disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated:15.12.2021

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh Rajinder Kumar, S/o Sh. Mehar
Chand, Ward No-2, Supreme Enclave,
Near Vishwakarma Bhawan,
Link Road, Mansa.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Local Govt, Pb
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Local Govt, Pb,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2220 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Rajinder Kumar as the Appellant
Sh.Ashish Kumar, PIO (LG-3) for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was first heard on 02.12.2020. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The appellant further informed that his First Appeal dated 13.07.2020 had been returned back to him with the remarks of the postal authority "Refused by Under Secretary".

The Commission observed that the Under Secretary, Local Govt. Punjab had refused to accept the first appeal in the present case and the trend was observed in the previous cases. Taking a strict view on the gross violation of an act of parliament, the Commission directed the Secretary, Local Govt. Department, Punjab to enquire into the matter that why RTI applications/appeals are being refused by the Under Secretary. To submit an enquiry report to the Commission on the matter before the next date of hearing.

A copy of the RTI application was sent to the authority with the direction to reply as per the RTI application as the appellant has shown dissatisfaction over the reply that has been sent. The matter be taken seriously and enquiry report be sent why appeals are being refused from receipt.

In the meantime, the appellant was directed to send a legible copy of the RTI application to the Commission.

On the date of the hearing on **01.02.2021**, the appellant submitted a legible copy of the RTI application.

Having relooked the RTI application and a copy of the same provided to the respondent. The PIO was directed to provide the information to the appellant within 15 days as per the RTI application and send a compliance report to the Commission.

Regarding the refusal of RTI application and First appeal by the Under Secretary, Local Govt., the PIO had submitted a clarification which was taken on the file of the Commission.

On the date of the hearing on **12.05.2021**, the Commission also received a copy of the letter dated 19.03.2021 from the PIO on 25.03.2021 vide which the PIO had sent information to the appellant.

As per the appellant, the information was incomplete since the PIO had not provided the information on points 1(a) and point-2.

The respondent was absent and vide email has sought exemption due to positive cases of COVID-19 in the department.

The PIO was given one last opportunity to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and provide complete information to the appellant within 10 days of the receipt of the order, otherwise, the Commission will be constrained to initiate proceedings against the PIO as per provisions of section 20 of the RTI Act.

On the date of last hearing on **23.08.2021**, as per the respondent, the information was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 12.05.2021.

As per the appellant, the information on point-2 was not been provided. As per the respondent, the enquiry report from DDR had been received but the action was yet to be taken on the enquiry report by the competent authority.

Hearing both the parties, the PIO was directed to provide whatever action has been taken on the complaint of the appellant and send a compliance report to the commission.

Hearing dated 15.12.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Mansa/Mohali. The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information on point-2.

The respondent present pleaded that the information has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 19.03.2021. The respondent further informed that the enquiry has been conducted and charge sheet has to be issued for which ADC(UD) Bathinda was asked to send draft noting vide letters dated 03.11.2021 and 10.12.2021. After receipt of the same, final action will be taken against the concerned officers and the appellant will be informed accordingly.

The information stands provided. No further interference of the Commission is required.

The case is **disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated :15.12.2021

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

CC to :Secretary, Local Govt.Pb, Chandigarh



Sh Gurjit Singh, S/o Sh Darbara Singh,
R/o Village Chak Mehga Viran,
Tehsil Guruharsahai, Distt Ferozepur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SSP,
Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2827 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
 Sh.Sukhdev Singh, ASI for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 20.01.2021 has sought information regarding complaint No.231-Special-PC dated 13.02.2018 from Manager PADB Bank Guru Harsahai – complete report and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of SSP- Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.03.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The respondent present pleaded that the information has already been provided to the appellant in an earlier appeal case No.1948 of 2021 which was filed by the appellant for seeking exactly the same information and the same was disposed of by this bench vide order dated 06.10.2021.

The appellant is absent.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is **disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated: 15.12.2021

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commission



Sh Malkeet Singh, S/o Sh Kala Singh,
R/o Village Megha Panj Grahi
Hithar Block, Tehsil Gurusahai,
Distt Ferozepur.

... Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Social Securities and Women & Child Development Deptt,
Punjab, Sector-34, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2789 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Rajinder Kumar, Sr.Assistant for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 06.02.2021 has sought information regarding list of pensioners in gram panchayat Megha Panch Grai Block Guru Harsahai – total number of old age pensions – widow pension – handicapped pension – pensions discontinued with reason for deducting – number of pensions restored and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of District Social Security Officer Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 08.03.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 18.11.2021 with a copy of the letter to the Commission.

The appellant is absent nor has communicated any discrepancies. It is presumed that the appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is **disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated: 15.12.2021

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commission