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Sh.Gurinder Singh Sodhi, R/o 47, Bank Colony, Patiala

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt. Department, Sector 35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Director, Local Govt. Department, Sector 35, Chandigarh

Respondents

Appeal case No.2101 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Gurinder Singh as the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER: Facts of the case:-

That the appellant, through RTI application dated 23.03.2018 has sought information regarding CPW No.19788 of 2015 Gora Lal Jindal v/s State of Punjab – a document filed before the High Court and other information concerning the office of Principal Secretary, Local Govt. Department, Punjab Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal with the first appellate authority on 28.07.2018 which took no decision on the appeal.

That on the date of the first hearing on 09.11.2020, the appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent was absent. Having gone through the file, the Commission observed that the PIO had written a letter on 26.02.2020 to Sh. Gora Lal for seeking his consent under section 11 (Third Party Information) of the RTI Act, whereas per a copy of the letter received by the Commission from the PIO on 06.11.2020, the PIO had denied the information under section 8(h) of the RTI Act.

Since in the communication to the Commission the PIO had applied Section 8 (h) for denial of information, the PIO was directed to explain why he had applied this particular section. Merely stating the section without citing any plausible reason is not acceptable to deny information.

That on the date of hearing on 01.12.2020, the appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent was absent on 2nd consecutive hearing. Since there had been an enormous delay of more than two years in providing the information. 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. The PIO was again directed to provide the information within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

That on the date of the hearing on **02.02.2021**, the respondent submitted a reply to the show-cause notice which was taken on the file of the Commission. In the reply, the respondent stated that since the court case is still pending, the information cannot be provided. The case was adjourned.

That on the date of hearing on **18.05.2021**, as per the appellant, the PIO had not provided the information. The respondent was absent. The case was adjourned.

That on the date of hearing on **31.08.2021**, the respondent reiterated his earlier plea that since the court case is pending, the information cannot be provided. The respondent also cited the order of Punjab Govt dated 09.08.2021 giving reference to the decision dated 13.11.2019 of Hon'ble Supreme court of India in Civil Appeal No.10044 of 2010 titled CPIO-Supreme Court of India Vs Subhash Chandra Agarwal.

However, the PIO could not show any sufficient evidence to prove that the revelation of information will impede the process of court proceedings or there has been a bar to providing the above-sought information. Moreover, the PIO had taken two different propositions under sections 1 & 8(h), while holding on to this information, which made the reason for holding the sought information sound ambiguous and weak. Hence, the plea of the PIO to deny the information was found invalid. The PIO was directed to provide information to the appellant within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

That on the date of the last hearing on **01.12.2021 held through** video conferencing at DAC Patiala/ Mohali, as per information from DC office Patiala, the appellant was present at DAC Patiala but could not be heard since there was some other meeting going on in DAC Patiala.

The respondent was present at Chandigarh and vide submitted his reply which was taken on the file of the Commission. In the reply, the PIO reiterated his earlier plea that since the court case is pending, the information cannot be provided. The PIO further mentioned in the letter that as per the opinion of their legal officer, they have supplied the office notings relating to the filing of reply in the Writ Petition No.19788 of 2015.

The Commission observed that instead of complying with the order of the Commission, the PIO had accepted the opinion of the legal officer as an argument to escape the directions passed by the Commission. It was made clear to the respondent that the very denial to implement the order is a contempt of the order of the Punjab State Information Commission since the commission had clearly asked for the order to be implemented and not sought reasons whether this order can be implemented or not. The logical corollary is that the legal opinion taken by the department is of no avail and rejected.

Since the order had already been passed, the PIO was directed to ensure compliance with the directions passed earlier, or else face penal consequences. Principal Secretary, Local Govt. Punjab was directed to ensure compliance with this order.

That on the last date of hearing on **05.04.2022**, the appellant claimed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent was absent nor had complied with the order of the Commission as well as not appearing before the Commission.

To secure an erring PIO"s presence before the commission, a bailable warrant of the PIO-O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt. Department was issued Under Section 18(3) of the RTI Act issued through Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh for his presence before the Commission on **16.05.2022**. The PIO was given one last opportunity to bring the entire record relating to this RTI application to the Commission.

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That the case has come up **for hearing today**. The appellant is present and stated that he received a letter from the PIO dated 29.03.2022 vide which the PIO had informed him that the information is being sent. However, no document was attached to the letter. The appellant has also submitted a copy of the said letter to the Commission which has been taken on record.

The respondent is absent nor has complied with the order of the Commission to bring the entire record as well as not appearing despite the issuance of bailable warrants. However, the Commission has received a copy of the letter from the Supt. (LG-2) O/o Principal Secretary Local Govt., stating that the information has been sent to the appellant again.

Since the responsibility to ensure the timely transmission of the information to the appellant lies on the PIO, the PIO- O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt. Department, Pb Sector 35 Chandigarh 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. The PIO is also held guilty of repeated defiance of the orders of the Punjab State Information Commission to provide the information. Moreover, the PIO has chosen not to reply to the show cause, which can be inferred that the PIO has nothing to say on the matter.

Further, the Commission is of the view that since the complainant 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-O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt. Department, Pb Sector 35 Chandigarh is directed to pay an amount of **Rs.5000/-** 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 with the order and submit proof of having compensated the appellant.

The current PIO is also directed to submit a full detail of all the PIOs from the time this RTI was filed along with name, tenure and current status.

To come up for compliance on 23.06.2022 at 11.00 AM at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Dated: 16.05.2022 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

CC to:Suptd.(LG-2),
O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Govt. Department, Sector 35
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Versus



Sh Ravi Kumar, S/o Sh Dharminder Kumar, R/o H NO-107, Near Santpur Gurudwara Sahib, Patiala Gate, Sangrur.

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o EO, NC, Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies Govt, Patiala.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 860 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 30.09.2019 has sought information regarding details of shops sold/leased out by Improvement Trust Sangrur in Kila Market with their maps, size and rule & regulation for sale and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of EO-NC Sangrur. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 25.11.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing before Ms.Preeti Chawla, State Information Commissioner on 09.06.2020 when the respondent present informed that the information has been supplied to the appellant. The appellant was absent and the case was adjourned.

On the date of the next hearing on 07.07.2020, the appellant claimed that the PIO has not supplied the complete information. The respondent was absent and the case was adjourned. The respondent was directed to provide complete information.

On the date of the hearing on 13.08.2020, the respondent was absent nor has complied with the order of the Commission to provide the complete information. The PIO was issued a show cause notice u/s 20 of the RTI Act and directed to file his submission.

On the date of the next hearing on 30.09.2020, the respondent was absent on the 3rd consecutive hearing nor has supplied complete information as well not filed a reply to the show cause notice. The PIO was directed to pay a compensation of **Rs.5000**/- to the appellant within 15 days under intimation to the Commission.

On the date of the hearing on 03.02.2021, the appellant claimed that the PIO has neither supplied the complete information nor paid the compensation amount.

The respondent was absent on 4th consecutive hearing. In view of defying attitude of the respondent-PIO, the Commission came to the logical conclusion that it is a fit case for imposition of a penalty of Rs.25000/-, but taking a lenient view, a penalty of Rs.5000/- in AC-856 of 2020, Rs.5000/- in AC-857 of 2020, Rs.5000/- in AC-859 of 2020 and Rs.5000/- in AC-860 of 2020 was imposed on the respondent-PIO and the Director Local Govt was directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs.20000/- from the salary of respondent-PIO and deposit in the State Treasury and report its compliance to the Commission.

On the date of the hearing on 03.05.2021, the appellant informed that the PIO has neither provided the complete information nor paid the compensation. The respondent was absent. However, the respondent-PIO vide letter received in the Commission on 16.03.2021 informed that the penalty amount has been deposited in the Govt treasury and sent a copy of challan to the Commission which was taken on record. The PIO was given one more opportunity to pay the compensation amount to the appellant.

On the date of the hearing on 07.06.2021, the appellant informed that the PIO has neither provided the complete information nor paid the compensation. The respondent PIO was present. He was directed to pay the compensation amount to the appellant. The appellant was directed to inspect the record on 15.06.2021 and get the relevant information.

On the date of the hearing on 16.08.2021, the appellant was absent. The respondent Sh.Ajay Modgill, Jr.Assistant appeared on behalf of the PIO and informed that the information has been supplied to the appellant and filed a copy of the receiving given by the appellant in lieu of receiving the information. Case No.AC-856 of 2020 and AC-857 of 2020 were disposed of and closed.

The respondent further informed that the available information in AC-859 of 2020 has been provided and filed their reply which was taken on record. In view of the reply, the AC-859 of 2020 was **disposed of and closed**.

Regarding AC-860 of 2020, the respondent informed that the information relates to Improvement Trust, Sangrur. The PIO-Improvement Trust, Sangrur was impleaded in the case and directed to provide complete information before the next date of hearing.

The case has come up for hearing **before this bench today** through video conferencing at DAC Sangrur. Both the parties are absent.

At the hearing on 16.08.2021, Sh.Ajay Modgil, Jr.Assistant present from the office of EO-NC Sangrur informed that the information relates to Improvement Trust Sangrur. The PIO-Improvement Trust Sangrur was directed to provide information and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

The PIO-Improvement Trust Sangrur is absent. There is nothing on record which shows that the PIO has complied with the order of the Commission to provide the information. The PIO-Improvement Trust is given one more opportunity to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing failing which the Commission will take action against the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **23.06.2022** at 11.00 AM at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Dated: 16.05.2022 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commission

CC to :PIO-Improvement Trust, Sangrur.

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Sh Chander Pratap, s/o Sh Swami Ji, Ward No-1, Kala Manj Kothi, G.T Road, Mukherian, Distt Hoshiarpur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Principal Secretary, Deptt of Welfare of SC & BC, Pb, Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Principal Secretary, Deptt of Welfare of SC & BC, Pb Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9, Chandigarh

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4664 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Chander Partap for the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 31.07.2021 has sought information regarding action taken on the application dated 10.04.2021 – copy of written reply filed by the concerned department on the basis of evidences attached with application dated 10.04.2021 – action taken on legal notice dated 11.01.2021 – reply filed by concerned department etc. as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Principal Secretary, Department of Welfare of SC & BC, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 07.08.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

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

The respondent is absent nor is represented. There is nothing on record which shows that the RTI application has been replied to. There has been an enormous delay of more than nine months in providing the information. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of 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 person(s) of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The PIO is again directed to provide information to the appellant within 15 days of the receipt of the order.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **29.06.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Hoshiarpur. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Dated: 16.05.2022

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Sh Parmod Kumar, S/o Sh Achoor Singh, R/o PAM, C-9, Phase-5, Focal Point, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o GLADA, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, O/o GLADA, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4166 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Parmod Kumar for the appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

That the appellant through RTI application dated 31.07.2019 has sought information regarding plot no.C-9 & C-10 Bhrdman Join Industry Focal Point Ludhiana – number of plots allotted, rules/regulations, number of registries and other information concerning the office of GLADA Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 16.09.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has already been heard on 26.02.2020, 02.06.2020, 21.07.2020, 27.01.2021, 02.08.2021, 10.11.2021 & 21.03.2022.

On the date of hearing on **10.11.2021**, the appellant informed that the PIO has not supplied the information nor has provided any affidavit as per the order of the Commission dated 27.01.2021.

The respondent was absent nor had sent any reply to the show cause notice as well as not complied with the order of the Commission to provide the remaining information.

Since the responsibility to ensure the timely transmission of the information to the appellant lies on the PIO, the PIO-GLADA Ludhiana was 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 was also held guilty of repeated defiance of the orders of the Punjab State Information Commission to provide the information. Moreover, the PIO has chosen not to reply to the show cause, which can be inferred that the PIO has nothing to say on the matter.

As per information from the office of GLADA Ludhiana, the following officials remained PIO in the office of GLADA Ludhiana from the date of filing of the RTI application till date:

- Sh.S.S. Bains, SDE(B) - 04.01.2017 to 15.06.2020 – (05 Months) (Retired)

- Sh.Khshpreet Singh, SDE(PH) - 15.06.2020 to 26.08.2020 –(02 months) - Sh.Gagandeep Singh, ATP - 26.08.2020 to 07.05.2021 –(09 months) - Sh.Gulshan Kumar, EO - 07.05.2021 to 27.07.2021 –(02 months)

- Sh.Divleen Singh SDE(Elect) - 27.07.2021 to 01.11.2021 –(03 months)

- Sh.Ashish Vochher, SDE(Civil) - 01.11.2021 to till date

Appeal Case No. 4166 of 2019

From the above, it was clear that Sh.S.S.Bains was the PIO for 05 months(04.01.2017 to 15.06.2020) when the RTI application was filed, and appeared at the hearing on 26.02.2020 & 02.06.2020 and was directed to provide information. However, he had since retired. Thereafter, Sh.Gagandeep Singh remained the PIO for a maximum period (09 months) but neither appeared before the Commission on 27.01.2021 nor complied with the interim order of the Commission to provide the remaining information. However, when the show cause was issued on 02.08.2021, Sh.Divleen Singh was the PIO who has also not appeared nor has filed a reply to the show-cause notice.

Hence, given the above facts, it was concluded that Sh.S.S.Bains was the PIO when the RTI application was filed and did not comply with the direction of the Commission dated 26.02.2020 & 02.06.2020 to provide the information. Hence a penalty of **Rs.25,000/-** was imposed on Sh.S.S.Bains, the then PIO. However, since he had retired, no penalty could not be imposed on such a person.

Further since Sh.Gagandeep Singh, ATP-cum-PIO- GLADA, Ludhiana has been the PIO for the maximum period (09 months) but has not responded to the interim order of the Commission, Sh.Gagandeep Singh was issued a **show cause notice under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file a reply on an affidavit.**

Further since Sh.Divleen Singh who was the PIO when the show cause notice was issued on 02.08.2021, did not file any reply, Sh.Divleen Singh was given one more opportunity to file a reply to the show-cause notice otherwise it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in the matter and the decision will be taken as per provisions of section 20 of the RTI Act.

If Sh. Gagandeep Singh has been transferred elsewhere, the present PIO to inform him and to get the compliance of the order."

On the date of the last hearing on 21.03.2022, both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

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

None is present on behalf of the respondents. The Commission has received a reply of Sh.Divleen Singh which has been taken on record. Further, the PIO-cum-EO GLADA vide email has sought adjournment.

The PIO-cum-EO GLADA is directed to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and supply complete information to the appellant. The PIO is also directed to appear personally on the next date of hearing.

Further, the Commission is of the view that since the complainant 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-cum-EO GLADA Ludhiana is directed to pay an amount of **Rs.5000/**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. The decision on the penalty to be decided on the next date of the hearing.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on 23.06.2022 at 11.00 AM at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Dated: 16.05.2022

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Sh Varinder Singh, S/o Sh Dalbir Singh, R/o Khanpur Rajputan, Tehsil Shahkot, P.O Kotli Gujjran, Distt Jalandhar.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Child Development & Project Officer, Shahkot, Distt Jalandhar.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1089 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Mrs.Jagdish Kaur, CDPO Shahkot for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through an RTI application dated 25.06.2021 has sought information regarding the period of posting of Smt. Darshan Kaur in Aanganwari of villae Bhadma Tehsil Shahkot – rule under which she was retrenched and under whose recommendations –the record of funds released on her retrenchment – number of applications received for this post etc. as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Child Development and Project Officer, Shahkot. The complainant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 23.07.2021 after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 26.08.2021.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Jalandhar. As per the respondent, the information has been supplied to the complainant vide letter dated 05.05.2022.

The complainant is absent nor is represented.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observes that the PIO had earlier denied the information and has now provided the information after the notice of the Commission which prima-facie is evident of willful denial of the information. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time and willfully denial of information. 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 person(s) 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 **26.07.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

Chandigarh Dated: 16.05.2022

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Versus



Smt Amandeep Kaur, H No-39/3, Shaheed Baba Deep Singh Nagar, Jalandhar.

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Pb, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Pb, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4750 of 2021

PRESENT: Ms. Amandeep Kaur as the complainant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 15.01.2021 has sought information regarding action taken on her complaint and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Chief Secretary Govt of Punjab, Civil Secretariat Chandigarh which transferred the same to Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare Pb vide letter dated 05.02.2021 under section 6(3) of the RTI Act. The Principal Secretary of Health and Family Welfare further transferred the RTi application to Director Health and Family Welfare, Pb vide letter dated 01.03.2021. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 15.04.2021which took no decision on the appeal.

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

The respondent is absent nor is represented. The Commission has received a letter from the Suptd.-cum-PIO O/o Director Health (E-3 Branch) stating that the information sought by the appellant relates to Dr.Bagga (Retd as Civil Surgeon, SBS Nagar who had joined duty in the year 1984 and since the information sought by the appellant is 36 years old, it cannot be provided under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.

As per the appellant, she has sought only action taken on her complaint alongwith the relevant noting/correspondence.

Having gone through the file, the Commission observes that there is no copy of the RTI application (dated 15.01.2021) and the First appeal dated (15.04.2021) in the file of this case. The appellant is directed to send a copy of the RTI application and a copy/decision of the first appeal dated 15.04.2021 to the Commission.

The case is adjourned.

To come up for further hearing on **26.07.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

Sd/Chandigarh (Khushwant Singh)
Dated: 16.05.2022 State Information Commission

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Sh Nitin Kumar Garg, C/o Police Public Dairy, 15-A, Shastari Nagar, Model Town, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Medical Supdtt, Civil Hospital, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Civil Surgeon, Jalandhar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4737 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Nitin Kumar Garq for the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 05.06.2021 has sought information regarding copies of comparative statements duly approved for the purchase of medicines from 01.04.2020 to 05.06.2021 – the amount received from the public in hospital – list of medicine purchase and repair in hospital – list of all types of funds/grant received – list of the projects received as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Medical Suptd. Civil Hospital, Jalandhar. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 08.07.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Jalandhar/Ludhiana. As per the appellant, the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent is absent nor is represented.

The PIO is directed to provide information on all points within 15 days of the receipt of the order and send a compliance report to the commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for compliance on **26.07.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear through VC at DAC Jalandhar.

Chandigarh Dated: 16.05.2022

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Sh Nitin Kumar Garg, C/o Police Public Dairy, 15-A, Shastari Nagar, Model Town, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SMO, Civil Hospital, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Medical Supdtt, Civil Surgeon, Jalandhar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4523 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Nitin Kumar Garq for the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 02.06.2021 has sought information regarding copies of comparative statements duly approved for the purchase of medicines during 01.04.2020 to 02.06.2021 – amount received from the public in hospital – list of medicine purchase and repair in hospital – list of all types of funds/grant received – list of the project received enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SMO Civil Hospital, Jalandhar. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 27.07.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Jalandhar/Ludhiana. As per the appellant, the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent is absent nor is represented.

The PIO is directed to provide information on all points within 15 days of the receipt of the order and send a compliance report to the commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for compliance on **26.07.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear through VC at DAC Jalandhar.

Chandigarh Dated: 16.05.2022