

Ms. Kadamani # 4125, Abohar Road, Muktsar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Registrar of Firms & Societies, Punjab 17 bays Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Commissioner of Police, Amritsar

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1291 of 2022

PRESENT: Ms.Kadamani as the Appellant Sh.Malwinder Singh, Sr.Assistant for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 23.08.2021 has sought information on 06 points regarding the name the of founder and president & other executive members of Society registered under Society Registration Act 1860 No.1098 of 2018-19 Compassion for Animal Welfare Association – object of the society – list of officer bearers – area of working – name of president from Oct.2020 and other executive members from March 2020 to Oct.2020 as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Registrar of Firms and Societies, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 13.01.2022, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

The respondent present pleaded that the information has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 04.03.2022, and a copy of the same is submitted to the Commission.

Due to a technical problem in the VC, the appellant could not be heard.

A copy of the information submitted by the respondent is being sent to the appellant alongwith the order. The appellant is directed to point out the discrepancies to the PIO, and the PIO is directed to sort out the same under intimation to the Commission.

Case to come up for further hearing on **31.01.2023 at 11.00 AM through** video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh Dated: 17.10.2022



Sh Tarsem Singh Ex-Subedar Village Khanpur, Tehsil Baba Bakala Sahib, District Amritsar-143203

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o The SSP(Rural), Amritsar

First Appellate Authority O/o The IGP Border Range, Amritsar

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1357 of 2022 as the Appellant

PRESENT: Sh.Tarsem Singh as the Appellant Sh.Manjeet Singh, ASI for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 27.12.2021, has sought information regarding action taken on the complaint dated 11.05.2021 and 19.05.2021 filed with Police Station Machhiala and DSP Baba Bakala alongwith diary number and date and copy of the statement of witnesses as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of SSP Rural, Amritsar. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 24.01.2022, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. As per the respondent, the information has been provided to the appellant on 27.05.2022.

The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information, but the PIO vide letter dated 29.06.2022, has informed that the information is being supplied to the appellant. The Commission has also received a letter through an email from the PIO dated 29.06.2022 stating that they have collected the information from DSP Sub Division Baba Bakala and is being supplied to the appellant.

I am marking this to the SSP (Rural) Amritsar, who is also the PIO, as the information provided is not in tandem with what has been sought. The representative present has lied in the court that the information has been provided, whereas, the information has merely been collected and not sent yet and the matter was discussed in depth at the hearing.

The PIO is directed to provide the complete information, and the SSP Rural who is also the PIO, is directed to initiate disciplinary action against the official present for misleading and lying in the court.

To come up for further hearing on **10.01.2023** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Chandigarh Dated: 17.10.2022



Sh. Trilok Chand S/o Sh. Roshan Lal, VPO Sukhar, Tehsil Rurpur, District Kangra-176051 (HP)

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Commissioner of Police Amritsar

First Appellate Authority

O/o The IGP Border Range, Amritsar

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1377 of 2022 Sh.Trilok Chand as the Appellant Sh.Prem Singh, SI for the Respondent

ORDER:

PRESENT:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 29.12.2021 has sought an enquiry report on the enquiry conducted by Sh.Dharampal ASI No.2685 Amritsar Women Police Station-1 on the complaint dated 10.08.2021 (UID No.2113646) – a copy of the challan filed by Sh.Satbir Singh No.615 in the court – the statements recorded by Sh.Dharam Pal ASI as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Commissioner of Police, Amritsar. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 03.02.2022, which did not decide on the appeal.

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

The respondent present pleaded that the matter relates to complaint UID No.2113646 dated 17.08.2021, UID No.1954998 dated 11.01.2021 and complaint UID No.1962493 dated 23.01.2021 and the information (enquiry report) regarding complaint UID-2113646 dated 17.08.2021 has already been provided to the appellant in an earlier appeal case No.987/2022 which was disposed of by this bench on 26.08.2022.

Regarding the complaint UID No.1954998 dated 11.01.2021 and complaint UID No.1962493 dated 23.01.2021, as per the report of the Chief Officer, Police Station Women-1 Amritsar, after completion of enquiry, the challan has been filed in the court on 09.08.2021 and the appellant has been sent a reply vide letter dated 12.01.2022 with the advice to get the requisite information from the court.

The Commission has also received a reply of the PIO dated 08.10.2022 which has been taken on record. Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the PIO is directed to provide point-wise information on all points to the appellant from the police file with a copy to the Commission.

To come up for further hearing on **10.01.2023** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Chandigarh Dated: 17.10.2022



Sh. Charanjit Village Jafar Kot, Tehsil Ajnana District Amritsar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Senior Medical Officer, PHC, Ramdas, District Amritsar

First Appellate Authority O/o The Civil Surgeon Amritsar

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1501 of 2022

PRESENT: Sh.Charanjit as the Appellant Dr.Santosh Kumari for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 11.08.2021 has sought information on 08 points regarding office noting for issue of letter No.2020/1166 dated 03.08.2020 – a copy of the roaster of class-IV employees/Nurses for dated 25.07.2020 – the statement of employees relating to letter No.2020/1166 – a copy of attendance register/dispatch register/diary register as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of SMO-PHC Ramdas, Distt. Amritsar. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 20.12.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

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

The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided any information as per the RTI application.

There is nothing on record which shows that the RTI application has been attended to by the PIO and there is prima- facie evidence that the PIO could be stonewalling 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 directed to provide complete information on all points within 10 days of the receipt of the order and send a compliance report to the Commission.

To come up for further hearing on **10.01.2023** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Chandigarh Dated: 17.10.2022



Sh. Kuldip Kumar, # 3261, Ratan Singh Chowk, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar-143001.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Director Health Services, Punjab, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Health & Family Welfare Punjab, Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondent

Appeal Case No.1611 of 2022

PRESENT: Sh.Kuldip Kumar as the Appellant Sh.Ajay Kumar, Clerk O/o Civil Surgeon, Amritsar Singh for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 19.04.2021 has sought information on 07 points regarding action taken in response to FIR No.18 dated 23.06.2020 lodged by Raj Kumar Khullar in which police booked 6 persons including doctors and Pawan Arora owner of EMC Hospital Amritsar for malpractices alongwith details of action taken – the circumstances under which Apollo Hospital Amritsar refused to admit Dr.Anum Khullar (who was pregnant) when she was declared COVID negative by Govt Medical College/acton taken against Apollo Hospital – the details of total persons admitted in EMC hospital from March 2020 to March 2021 alongwith name of diagnostic centre as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Director Health Services, Pb Chandigarh.

The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 13.09.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. The respondent present from the office of Civil Surgeon, Amritsar informed that since the matter relates to Special Investigation Team(SIT) and the information was to be collected from the said Committee, the RTI application was transferred to the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Amritsar City on 17.12.2021 with a copy to the appellant.

The respondent further informed that since the information does not relate to their office, the appellant was given an opportunity of hearing on 15.12.2021 and again on 04.01.2022. On 04.01.2022, the appellant appeared and it was clarified that the matter does not relate to their office and the RTI application has been transferred to DCP-City Amritsar.

Hearing both the parties, the PIO-O/o Deputy Commissioner of Police, Amritsar City is impleaded in the case and directed to look at the RTI application transferred by the office of SP-Police (Vigilance Bureau) Pb Amritsar Range Amritsar on 31.07.2021 and provide the sought information as per record.

The PIO-DHS, Pb Chandigarh and Dr.Raghav Gupta, PIO-cum-Civil Surgeon, Amritsar as well as PIO-DCP, Amritsar City to be present on the next date of the hearing.

To come up for hearing on **22.11.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar. The PIO-DHS to appear at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Dated: 17.10.2022 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

Cc to: 1. PIO-Deputy Commissioner of Police, Amritsar City.

> 2. Dr.Raghav Gupta, PIO-Civil Surgeon, Amritsar.



Sh. Jaspal Singh S/o Sh. Avtar Singh, # 1205, Gali No.8, Hussainpura East, Amritsar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Director Health Services, Punjab, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Health & Family Welfare Punjab, Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondent

Appeal Case No.1674 of 2022

PRESENT: Sh.Jaspal Singh as the Appellant Dr.Rajesh Bhagat –PIO-O/o Civil Surgeon, Amritsar for the Respondent ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 18.10.2021 has sought information regarding the allopathic and ayurvedic medicine stock provided to ESI Hospitals in Jalandhar, Amritsar and Ludhiana from Jan.2020 to Jan.2021 from the office of Director Health Services, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 19.11.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. Dr.Rajesh Bhagat O/o Civil Surgeon, Amritsar is present and informed that he has been deputed as the Nodal Officer in the case and the information relating to the District Amritsar has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 26.11.2021.

As per the appellant, the information has not been provided relating to District Jalandhar and Ludhiana.

Since Dr.Rajesh Bhagat has been deputed as Nodal Officer, he is made the deemed PIO and directed to collect the rest of the information from the concerned PIOs and supply to the appellant. The concerned offices are directed to hand over the information to Dr. Rajesh Bhagat for him to be able to execute this order on time.

To come up for compliance on **16.01.2023** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner Amritsar.

Chandigarh Dated: 17.10.2022 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

CC to Dr.Rajesh Bhagat O/o Civil Surgeon, Amritsar.



Sh.Lakhvir Singh, S/o Sh.Harbans Singh, Villge Gharkhana, P.O Manki , Tehsil Samrala, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Water Supply and Sanitation Deptt, Phase-2,Pb, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Water Supply and Sanitation Deptt, Phase-2, Pb, Mohali.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 778 of 2020

PRESENT: None for Appellant None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through RTI application dated 10.10.2019, has sought information regarding permission granted for cultivating the land around the water tank, income from that cultivation to the department and other information concerning the office of Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Punjab Mohali. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 28.11.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has already been heard on 24.08.2020, 22.03.2021, 08.07.2021, 03.11.2021 & 04.08.2022.

On the date of the first hearing on 24.08.2020, Sh.Amandeep Singh, JE appeared on behalf of PIO O/o Water Supply & Sanitation Deptt. Mohali and pleaded that since the water supply scheme is being looked after by the concerned Municipal Committee and the chairman of the concerned gram panchayat, the information is not available with them and the reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 11.08.2020. The respondent was directed to procure the information from the concerned Sarpanch/Municipal Committee and provide to the appellant.

After this order, neither the information was provided nor the department represented, following which a show cause notice was issued on 22.03.2021. However, no information has been provided, nor any reply to the show cause has been filed.

On the date of last hearing on 04.08.2022, the PIO was absent despite issue of a bailable warrant which was issued on 03.11.2021.

Since no-one was appearing before the Commission despite repeated orders/warrants as well as no information was provided, the case was marked to the Special Secretary-cum-HOD, Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Punjab, Phase 2, Mohali, to ensure compliance of the order of the Commission failing which the Commission will be constrained to take a decision ex-party. A copy of the order was also sent to Chief Engineer(South) Water Supply & Sanitation Dept. Mohali as well as Xen Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ludhiana.

Hearing dated 17.10.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today. No one is present from the office of Water Supply & Sanitation Department Mohali and no reply has been received on the notices/orders dated 24.08.2020, 22.03.2021, 08.07.2021, 03.11.2021 & 04.08.2022.

Having gone through the record, it has been observed that as per a copy of letter dated 03.12.2019 of the SE-Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ludhiana, the RTI application was transferred to them by the Department of Water Supply and Sanitation Pb Mohali on 29.11.2019 which was further transferred by the Water Supply & Sanitation Circle Ludhiana to Xen-Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Khanna under section 6(3) of the RTI Act vide letter dated 03.12.2020.

From the above, it is clear that the PIO in this case is Xen-Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Khanna. The PIO-Xen-Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Khanna is not appearing before the commission despite various orders, which have been sent to the SE-Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ludhiana as well.

Hence to secure an erring PIO's presence before the Commission, a bailable Warrant of the PIO-Xen, Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Khanna is hereby issued under section 18(3) of the RTI Act through Senior Superintendent of Police, Khanna for his presence before the Commission on **23.11.2022.**

To come up for further hearing on 23.11.2022 at 11.00 AM at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Dated: 17.08.2022

- CC to 1.Special Secretary-cum-HOD Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Punjab Phase-2, Mohali.
 - 2.Chief Engineer(South) Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Punjab Phase-2, Mohali.
 - 3.Xen-Water Supply &Sanitation Club Road, Near Old Court Circle, Ludhiana
 - 4.Xen-Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Khanna, District Ludhiana.

BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION BEFORE SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB AT CHANDIGARH

In case:Lakhvir Singh V/s Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Pb, Mohali.

APPEAL CASE NO.778/2020

UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

Next Date of Hearing:23.11.2022

То

The Senior Superintendent of Police, Khanna

Whereas Xen-Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Khanna has failed to appear before the State Information Commissioner, Punjab despite the issuance of notice/summon in the above mentioned appeal case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to serve this bailable warrant to the Xen-Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Khanna to appear before the undersigned at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16,Chandigarhon **23.11.2022 at 11.00A.M.**

Chandigarh Dated:17.10.2022