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Sh Hansa Singh, S/o Sh Machi Singh, R/o village Shamshabad, Tehsil & Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer.** 

O/o District Food Supply and Controller, Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Food Supply and Controller, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1261 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Rohit Kumar, Clerk for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 19.11.2020 has sought information on 07 points regarding documents filed by Sunrise Food Products for allotment of seller in 2018-19 – name of members of allotment committee of sellers – name of officers who visited the site of Sunrise Food Products before allotment alongwith inspection report and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of District Food Supply and Controller, Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 24.12.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. As per respondent, the information has been provided to the appellant and the appellant has acknowledged having the received the information. The respondent has also sent acknowledgement of the appellant through whatsapp which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

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: 20.07.2021

Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commission

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... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** O/o District Manager PUNSUP, Ferozepur.

**First Appellate Authority,** O/o District Manager PUNSUP, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1260 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Deepak Kumar, APIO for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 19.11.2020 has sought information on 09 points regarding order of officers deputed for purchase of paddy in Jiva Arai Mandi in 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19 – a copy of statements provided by Balwinder Singh Inspector-2 from 01.10.2018 to 30.11.2018 - a copy of bills for the purchase of paddy by Reet Enterprises and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of District Manager, PUNSUP, Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 28.12.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. As per the respondent, the information has been provided to the appellant on all points except the point-9 which has to be procured from their office at Kotkapura. The respondent has, however, assured me to supply the remaining information within 15 days.

The appellant is absent, nor has communicated any discrepancies in the information that has been provided

The PIO is directed to procure the information regarding point 9 from the concerned authority and send it to the appellant within 15 days.

With the above orders, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

Sd/Chandigarh (Khushwant Singh)
Dated: 20.07.2021 State Information Commission



Sh Arun Kumar. # MIG-547, Phase-01, Urban Estate, Patiala.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**, O/o Government Rajindra Hospital, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Government Rajindra Hospital, Patiala.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1319 of 2021** 

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Dr. Harjinder Singh and Sh. Harsh Kumar, APIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 08.02.2021 has sought information on 12 points regarding the status of availability of testing kits - the mechanism for finding out the person/laboratory responsible for conducting a particular test - reasons for non-availability of internal sample collection and single window facilities – mechanism against hospital employees who provide misleading/incorrect information at testing windows and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Government Rajindra Hospital Patiala. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 08.02.2021 which took no decision on the appeal. The appellant had filed an appeal under Life & Liberty. The Hon'ble CIC ordered to consider the case under the General category.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala. The respondent present pleaded that the available information regarding points 1, 6, 8 & 9 have been provided to the appellant on 16.03.2021 through his email as well as through WhatsApp on mobile No.77173-67793 and since the remaining information is in question/reasoning form, there is no way to provide information which does not exist. The respondent has also sent a copy of the reply to the Commission vide letter dated 29.06.2021 which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

The appellant is absent.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply of the PIO, I see that the RTI application has been sufficiently replied to as the majority of the points (points other than 1,6,8 &9) in the RTI application are either in question form or queries.

Section 2 (f) of the RTI Act clearly defines information as "information" means any material in any form, including records, documents, memos, e-mails, opinions, advices, press releases, circulars, orders, logbooks, contracts, reports, papers, samples, models, data material held in any electronic form and information relating to any private body which can be accessed by a public authority under any other law for the time being in force."

Given the above, the case is **disposed of**.

Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) **State Information Commissioner** 

Chandigarh Dated: 20.07.2021

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Sh Anil Gupta, # 69, Officers Colony, Ferozepur City.

... Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/o Director, Social Security Women & Child Development, Pb, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 281 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Complainant

Mrs.Indu Bala, APIO for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 18.11.2020 has sought information regarding non implementation the decision of Punjab Govt taken in the year 2008 to upgrade Govt Blind Institution Jamalpur up to 10+2 – not providing infrastructure and staff – not starting admission for 10+2 classes alongwith detail of posts lying vacant for tenth class and the reason for not filling the post and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Director, Social Security Women & Child Development, Pb, Chandigarh. The complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 04.03.2021.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The respondent present pleaded that since the information sought by the complainant is in question form, there is no information available on record for the questions asked. The reply has been sent to the complainant vide letter dated 04.12.2020.

The complainant is absent.

From the RTI application it is amply clear that the information sought by the complainant is in question and query form. As per the RTI Act section 2(f):

"information means any material in any form, including records, documents, memos, e-mails, opinions, advices, press release, circulars, orders, logbooks, contracts, reports, papers, samples, models, data material held in any electronic form and information relating to any private body which can be accessed by a public authority under any other law for the time being in force."

The PIO's reply is upheld, and since it is a complaint case, and a reply has been sent by the PIO within a suitable time, no further cause of action is required.

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

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Sh Gurmeet Singh, S/o Sh Inder Singh, Village Bhagwangarh, Distt Bathinda.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o District, Food Supply Controller, Distt Bathinda.

...Respondent

#### Complaint Case No. 272 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Gurmeet Singh as the Complainant

Sh.Amrit Pal, AFSO for the Respondent `

#### ORDER:

The complainant through an RTI application dated 07.09.2020 has sought information regarding details of items of ration received under Atta Dal scheme from 01.01.2017 to 31.08.2020 – distribution of ration to beneficiaries – remaining items deposited and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of DC Bathinda which transferred the RTI application to District Food Supply Controller Distt.Bathinda vide letter dated 14.09.2020. The complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 03.03.2021.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Bathinda. As per the respondent, they received the RTI application through DC Office after 14.09.2020 and the information was sent to the complainant vide letter dated 21.10.2020. Since the complainant in his complaint filed in the Commission mentioned that he did not receive the information, they sent the information again vide letter dated 09.06.2021.

As per the complainant, he has received the information but the information is incomplete. The complainant further informed that he did not receive the information that the respondent claims to have sent vide letter dated 21.10.2020.

The respondent has sent a copy of the dispatch register through email as proof of having dispatched the letter dated 21.10.2020 which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

Since it is a complaint case and the information was sent by the PIO within a suitable time frame given the prevailing pandemic situation, I see no malafide intention on the part of the PIO in attending to the RTI application.

However, since the complainant is not satisfied with the information, I am remanding the case to the First Appellate Authority-Director Food Supply Controller, Pb Chandigarh with the direction to treat this as an appeal case and dispose of the same within a period of 30 days.

With the above order, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

Sd/Chandigarh (Khushwant Singh)
Dated: 20.07.2021 State Information Commission