



Sh. Ramandeep singh,
Ward No-18, Street MO-2,
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road,
Khanna, District Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Local Government, Pb
Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Local Government, Pb
Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2102 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Ramandeep Singh as the Appellant
Sh.Sandeep Kumar, Sr.Assistant (Establishment Branch), Local Govt. Pb
for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellate through RTI application dated 05.03.2020 has sought information regarding the list of employees posted as Junior Engineers who came through deputation from other departments and merged in different MCs/NCs – order/circular of Pb Govt for sending on deputation to these engineers – a copy of the agreement of deputation and other information concerning the office of Secretary Department of Local Govt. Pb. Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information after the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 24.04.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on **09.02.2021** through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that only one person Sh. Rohit Kumar, Assistant Engineer Grade -2 from Punjab Alkalies and Chemicals Limited was appointed as Junior Engineer(Mechanical) on deputation and a reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 02.02.2021. Regarding points 2 & 3, the respondent stated that the said engineer was taken on deputation on his request and no more information is available in their record.

The appellant was not satisfied. Hearing both the parties, the PIO was directed to provide whatever information is available on points-2 & 3 and file a suitable reply.

The Commission further observed that the RTI application was filed on 05.03.2020 whereas the reply had been sent on 02.02.2021 with a delay of more than ten months. The PIO was directed to explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application within the time frame as prescribed under the RTI Act.

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On the date of hearing on **26.05.2021**, the appellant was absent and vide email has informed that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent had brought the information on points 2 & 3 which was taken on the file of the Commission. A copy of the information was sent to the appellant along with the order with the direction to point out the discrepancies if any to the PIO and appear at the next hearing. The PIO was directed to remove the discrepancies, as pointed out by the appellant and provide the information as per record.

Hearing dated 20.09.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Mohali. The respondent has brought some more information (received from the recruitment cell) which has been taken on the file of the Commission. The respondent further pleaded that with this information complete information stands provided and no further information is available in the record.

A copy of the information that has been submitted by the respondent is being sent to the appellant along with this order. Since information stands provided no further interference is required in the matter.

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

Chandigarh
Dated 20.09.2021

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner

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Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (EE),
Phase-8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI (EE),
Phase-8, Mohali.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2284 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Sukhdhir Singh as the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellate through the RTI application dated 27.05.2020 has sought information regarding a copy of the complainant filed by Sh.Kuldeep Kora against the appellant along with documents enclosed –a copy of enquiry report of the enquiry conducted by Sh.Jagtar Singh Assistant Director on 27.02.2020 – statement of witnesses and other information concerning the office of DPI(EE) Mohali. The appellant was not provided with the information after the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 29.06.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 09.02.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent present pleaded that the information on point-1 has been sent to the appellant on his email and since the enquiry at the level of DEO is still pending, the disclosure of information on point-2 is not possible as it may hamper the investigation. The appellant informed that he has not received information on point-1 also. The respondent submitted a copy of the information on point-1 which was sent to the appellant along with the order.

The Commission was not convinced with the reply of the PIO, since the appellant had sought a copy of the enquiry report on the enquiry which has already been completed. The PIO was directed to file a suitable reply. The PIO was also directed to send a copy of the enquiry report to the Commission in a sealed cover.

On the date of last hearing on **26.05.2021**, the respondent submitted a copy of the enquiry report to the Commission in a sealed cover which was taken on the file of the Commission.

The appellant was absent. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 20.09.2021:

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

The respondent is absent.

At the last hearing, the respondent submitted a copy of the enquiry report in a sealed cover which was taken on the file of the Commission.

A copy of the enquiry report is being sent to the appellant alongwith the order.

With the above, information stands provided. No further course of action is required.

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

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Dated: 20.09.2021

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Ludhiana.

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Local Govt, Sector-35-A,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Vigilance Officer,
Local Govt, Sector-35-A,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2474 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Rajiv Sagar PIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellate through RTI application dated 06.03.2020 has sought information regarding action taken on the complaint dated 12.09.2019 against officer/officers of Improvement Trust Ludhiana – name and designation of the officers/official found guilty on enquiry along with their present posting & order of transfer and other information concerning the office of Chief Vigilance Officer, Local Govt. Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information after the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 12.06.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on **09.02.2021** through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that since the enquiry on the complaint is still pending, the information cannot be provided u/s 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act. and the reply has been sent to the appellant on 15.01.2021.

The appellant was absent. Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission observed that the PIO has not justified the reasons and has blanketly denied the information. The PIO was directed to file a suitable reply.

Further, since there has been an enormous delay in attending to the RTI application, the PIO was directed to explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act.

On the date of the last hearing on **26.05.2021**, the respondent reiterated his earlier plea that the enquiry on the complaint is still pending and a reply had been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 15.01.2021.

Regarding the delay in attending to the RTI application, the PIO sent his reply through email which was taken on the file of the Commission. In the reply, the PIO stated that since the earlier PIO was on long leave due to a prolonged illness of his wife, the respondent was given

charge of PIO on 10.12.2020, and after obtaining the status report from the concerned officers, the reply was sent to the appellant on 15.01.2021.

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The respondent further mentioned in the reply that they received comments from the Improvement Trust Ludhiana on the different complaints of the appellant, and after completion of enquiry by the enquiry officer, the same will be sent to the competent authority for an administrative decision on the said enquiry report. Thereafter, the information will be provided to the appellant.

The appellant was absent.

Hearing dated 20.09.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Mohali. The respondent present pleaded that since the enquiry is still pending and after completion of enquiry by the enquiry officer, the same will be sent to the competent authority for an administrative decision on the said enquiry report. Thereafter the information will be provided to the appellant. The reply has already been sent to the appellant on 15.01.2021.

The appellant is absent on the 3rd occasion to pursue his case nor is represented.

As per the respondent, the enquiry is pending and a reply has been sent to the appellant and with that the status on the complaint stands provided. The appellant is absent on three consecutive occasions and has failed to file any suitable objection on the PIO's stand.

Given the above, no further course of action is required. The case is **disposed of and closed.**

Chandigarh
Dated: 20.09.2021

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