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Sh. Pardeep Chauhan  
C/o Punjab State Information Commission,  
Sector 16, Chandigarh

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o MD, Punjab Financial Corporation,  
Sector 17-B, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o MD, Punjab Financial Corporation,  
Sector 17-B, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3596 of 2021**

**PRESENT: Sh. Pardeep Chauhan, the Appellant**  
**Sh. Sanjeev Dua, APIO for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 16.05.2022, has sought 14-point information regarding copies of the email sent to GM, PFC on 22.09.2021, a copy of the letter sent to MD, PFC which was received in the office vide diary No.6555 dated 09.12.2021, Diary mark of email and letter, copy of noting portion where both the email and letter was dealt in the office, name of the official/officer with the designation to whom the and GM and MD marked the email and letter of action taken and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the MD, PFC, Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the complainant filed the complaint on 03.08.2022.

The case last came up for hearing on 10.10.2022. The respondent present informed that the information as available in the record has been provided to the appellant.

As per the appellant, the information was not provided on points 1 to 7. The appellant requested for inspection of the record.

Hearing both the parties, the Commission directed the appellant to inspect the record by visiting the office of the PIO on 01.11.2022 at 11.00 AM. The PIO was directed to facilitate the record inspection to the appellant on the given date and time and provide the information to the appellant.

**Hearing dated 21.11.2022:**

As per the appellant, the PIO has not supplied the information on point 1.

As per the respondent, the sought information is not available in their record.

Hearing both the parties, the PIO is directed to provide an affidavit that the copy of the sought letter sent by the appellant through email to the GM-PFC on 22.09.2021 is not available in their record and that the information that whatever has been provided is accurate, complete and no further information is available in the record relating to this RTI application.

To come up for compliance on **19.12.2022** at 11.00 AM.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 21.11.2022**

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



Sh Rajwinder Singh, S/o Sh Kuldeep Singh,  
R/o # 26, Nagar Nigam Colony,  
O/s Gilwali Gate, Amritsar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o District Election Officer,  
-cum-DC, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Election Officer,  
-cum-DC, Amritsar.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 888 of 2022**

**Present        Sh.Rajwinder Singh as the complainant**  
**None for the respondent**

**Order**

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 02.11.2021 has sought a list (along with address) of the voters of ward No.39, Amritsar, who had exercised their franchise in Punjab Vidhan Sabha Election-2017 - a list (along with their address) of the voters of ward 40 Amritsar who exercised their franchise in Municipal Corporation Amritsar Election-2017-18 - a list (along with their address) of those voters of ward No.40, Amritsar who exercised their franchise in Lok Sabha Election-2019 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the District Election Officer-cum-Dy. Commissioner, Amritsar.

The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 04.12.2021 which took no decision on the appeal. After filing the first appeal, the PIO sent a reply on 08.12.2021 to which the appellant was not satisfied and filed 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal in the Commission.

The case first came up for hearing on 25.08.2022 through VC, which could not be heard due to an internet problem and was adjourned for 26.08.2022.

The case was again heard on 26.08.2022. The respondent present from the office of Election Tehsildar, Amritsar, pleaded that the since there is no pending petition relating to 11 Vidhan Sabha Election 2017 in the district, the record as per instructions dated 05.08.2020 of Chief Election Commission, Pb Chandigarh, relating to Punjab Vidhan Sabha Election 2017 stands destroyed on 31.08.2020, hence the information relating to point-1 cannot be provided.

Further, since there is no petition pending relating to the Lok Sabha elections of 2019 concerning the election halka 02-Amritsar & 03-Khadur Sahib, as per instructions dated 31.08.2020 of the Chief Election Commission, Pb Chandigarh, the record relating to Lok sabha Election 2019 stands destroyed on 31.08.2020, hence the information relating to point-3 cannot be provided.

The respondent further informed that the information regarding point-2 relates to the Additional Deputy Commissioner(Rural Development) since the Municipal Corporation's election record is maintained by the ADC(Rural Development).

The respondent present from the office of ADC informed that since the record relating to MC Amritsar for the year 2017-18 as per conduct of election rule 1961 is secured, and can be inspected only under the order of the competent authority, hence cannot be provided.

The appellant was absent nor was represented.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply of the PIO, the Commission found that point-1 & 3 of the RTI application had been sufficiently replied. Point-2 shall be decided on the next date of the hearing.

**Hearing dated 21.11.2022 :**

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

The respondent is absent.

Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission observes that the appellant wants to know the names of the persons who cast their votes during the 2017-18 MC election in ward No.40 Amritsar and tally it with the actual voter list to gain statistical information to pursue personal political ambition.

The PIO-ADC(Development)Amritsar is directed to appear personally on the next date of the hearing.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **01.02.2023** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Chandigarh  
Dated: 21.11.2022

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



Sh. Bhupinder Pal Singh  
# 1245, Phase-1,  
Urban Estate, DUGRI,  
LUDHIANA.

... Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The President,  
SGPC, Amritsar.

...Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 0329 of 2022**

**Present**      **None for the complainant**

**Sh.Kuldeep Singh, Supervisory Assistant for the respondent**

**Order**

The Complainant, through an RTI application dated 22.02.2021 has sought information regarding facilities being provided to children of 1984 riots in Guru Ram Dass Medical College, Amritsar – what is the fee for such children for MD/MS courses for one year – what type of help to such children for admission, registration and tuition fee and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the President, SGPC, Amritsar. The complainant was not provided with the information, after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 25.05.2022.

The case has come up for hearing today through Video Conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Amritsar. As per the respondent, the reply has been sent to the complainant vide letter dated -02.11.2022 stating that the complainant to contact the Addl. Secretary, Sri Guru Ram Dass Cheritable Hospital Trust, Sri Amritsar Sahib and get the relevant information.

The complainant is absent, nor represented.

There has been a delay of more than ten months in attending to the RTI application since the RTI application was filed on 22.02.2021 whereas the reply was sent only on 02.11.2022. 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 case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **01.02.2023** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 21.11.2022**

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



Sh. Jaswant Singh S/o S. Harnam Singh  
VPO Bhanguri, Tehsil Dhar Kalan,  
District Pathankot-145022

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Inspector,  
Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs,  
Dhar Kalan, District Pathankot.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o The Director,  
Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs,  
Punjab, Sector 39-C, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No.2504 of 2022**

**Present**      **Sh.Jaswant Singh for the complainant**  
                 **None for the respondent**

**Order**

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 30.12.2021 has sought the information regarding the period during which Sh. Baldev Singh son of Shri Gyan Singh, VPO Bhanguri district Pathankot availed the benefits of a BPL card – the type of benefits availed i.e. commodities, monetary, loans etc. - date of cancellation of his BPL card – the prescribed limits of annual income for BPL beneficiaries in b/w the periods fixed from time to time i.e. 2002 to 2010 and 2011 to 2014 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the Inspector, Food Civil Supplies & Consumers Affairs, Dhar Kalan, district Pathankot. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 15.02.2022, which took no decision on the appeal. After which the appellant filed 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through Video Conferencing at DAC Pathankot. The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent is absent.

The notice issued to the PIO-Inspector Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs at the given address has been returned with the following remarks of the postal authorities 'Does not relate to Dhar Kalan, relates to Pathankot.'

As per information collected from the office of DFSC Pathankot, the PIO of the office of Inspector Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs is DFSC Pathankot, hence a fresh notice is being sent, this time to DFSC Pathankot. The PIO is directed to look at the RTI application and provide information to the appellant as per the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **24.01.2023** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 21.11.2022**  
**CC to: District Food Civil Supplies & Consumer**  
          **Affairs, Room No.146-A,**  
          **District Administrative Complex,**  
          **Pathankot.**

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



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

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Medical Superintendent,  
Civil Hospital, Amritsar  
C/o Guru Nanak Medical College & Hospital,  
Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o The Deputy Director,  
Health Services Punjab,  
Sector 34-A, Chandigarh

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No.2563 of 2022**

**Present**      **Sh.Nitin Kumar Garg as the complainant**  
                  **Sh.Ajay Kumar, Clerk O/o Civil Surgeon for the respondent**

**Order**

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 21.01.2022 has sought information on 05 points regarding comparative statements for purchase of medicine during 01.01.2021 to 20.01.2022, List of date-wise collection/amount received from the public in hospital, copies of register all type of medicines purchased and repair of hospital etc. List of all types of grants/funds received in civil hospital Amritsar, list of projects received in Medical Supdt. Civil hospital, Amritsar and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the Medical Superintendent, Civil Hospital, Amritsar. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 08.03.2022, which did not decide on the appeal, after which the appellant filed 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through Video Conferencing at DAC Ludhiana / Amritsar. The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The notice issued to the PIO has been received back with the remarks of the postal authorities "there is no post of Medical Supdt."

As per the respondent, the Medical Superintendent discharges his duties from the premises of Guru Nanak Medical College & Hospital.

During the hearing, it has come to the notice that the information is in the custody of Medical Supdt. Guru Nanak Medical College & Hospital. However, the PIO Civil Surgeon has not transferred the RTI application to the concerned authority under section 6(3) of the RTI Act, which is a clear violation of the provisions of the RTI Act. The PIO is hereby **show caused why penalty be not imposed on him under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not transferring the RTI application to the concerned authority 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.

**Appeal Case No.2563 of 2022**

The PIO is directed to transfer the RTI application to the concerned authority. The concerned PIO is directed to provide information as per the RTI application to the appellant.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **01.02.2023** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 21.11.2022**

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

**CC to : PIO-Civil Surgeon,**  
**Amritsar.**



S. Sukhwinder Singh Grewal,  
S/o S. Kulwant Singh Grewal  
Vill. Khwaj Ke, Post Office Basti Jodhewal,  
Rahon Road, Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Secretaty,  
SGPC, Amritsar

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o The Secretaty,  
SGPC, Amritsar

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No.2569 of 2022**

**Present**      **Ms.Jaspreet Kaur, Advocate for the complainant**  
                 **Sh.Kuldeep Singh, Supervisory.Assistant for the respondent**

**Order**

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 20.05.2020, has sought a copy of the service book of the appellant, entries made in the service book, a copy of approval of leaves and balance leave, amount of leave encashment, date of retirement and a copy of the order of retirement, copy of all type of benefits accrued at the time of retirement and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the Secretary, SGPC, Amritsar. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 10.07.2022, which did not decide on the appeal, after which the appellant filed 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through Video Conferencing at DAC Ludhiana / Amritsar. As per counsel for the appellant, the PIO has not supplied the information.

Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission observes that the RTI application has not been adequately responded to by the PIO. The PIO is directed to provide all the information as sought by the appellant.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **01.02.2023** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 21.11.2022**

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



S. Sukhwinder Singh Grewal,  
S/o S. Kulwant Singh Grewal  
Vill. Khwaj Ke, Post Office Basti Jodhewal,  
Rahon Road, Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Secretaty,  
SGPC, Amritsar

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o The Secretaty,  
SGPC, Amritsar

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No.2570 of 2022**

**Present Ms.Jaspreet Kaur, Advocate for the complainant**  
**Sh.Kuldeep Singh, Sr. Assistant for the respondent**

**Order**

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 19.02.2021 has sought 3-point information regarding the total number of "akhand path sahibs" disrupted under SGPC's section 85 and 87, copies of action taken against the culprits, also provide the names and designations of persons who disrupted the "akhand path sahibs" and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the Secretary, SGPC, Amritsar. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 04.08.2021, which did not decide on the appeal, after which the appellant filed 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through Video Conferencing at DAC Ludhiana / Amritsar. Both parties are present at Chandigarh.

The advocate on behalf of the appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent present has not been able to respond adequately to the matter at hand. The PIO is directed to appear personally tomorrow i.e 22.11.2022.

To come up for further hearing on **22.11.2022** at 11.00 AM at Chandigarh.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 21.11.2022**

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



Sh. Kamalpreet Singh  
# 134, Basant City,  
Pakhawal Road, Ludhiana

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Principal Secretary,  
Industries & Commerce Deptt. Punjab,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o The Addl. Chief Secretary,  
Industries Department,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No.2362 of 2022**

**PRESENT:   None for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Ajit Singh, Sr. Assistant o/o Controller of Stores for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 10.12.2021 has sought information on 05 points regarding copies of records verifying the diary receipt number of emails dated 31.05.2019, 29.01.2020 & 17.02.2020 received in the office of COS Punjab relating with the challenge and complaint of the enquiry report submitted by CVO – records for verifying the name and rank of officers to whom these emails were marked for enquiry – a copy of the record relating to the receipt of the email dated 29.01.2020 and 29.02.2020 – files related with entire records of proceedings/notings action taken on emails as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 14.02.2022, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that the appellant was called in the office, and he has inspected the record.

The appellant is absent and vide email has sought adjournment. Adjournment granted.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **13.02.2023** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 21.11.2022**

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