



Sh. Manu S/o Sh.Vijay Kumar
Varindavan House, Backside Kali
KambliAshram, Fatehgarh Road,
Hoshiarpur-146001

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Hoshiarpur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2251 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Balkar Singh, APIO O/o DC and Dr.Sudesh Civil Hospital Hoshiarpur for
the Respondent

ORDER

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 11.02.2022 has sought information regarding the list of Ayushman Bharat scheme card holders including card number, name and mobile numbers – list of all quacks and unregistered practitioners doing practice in the district – complaints if any and action taken reports from 01.01.2010 to 01.02.2022 as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of DC Hoshiarpur. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 17.03.2022 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Hoshiarpur. The respondent present from the office of DC Hoshiarpur informed that the RTI application was transferred to Civil Surgeon Hoshiarpur. The respondent present from the office of Civil Hospital Hoshiarpur pleaded that since the information contains the personal information of the card holders, the information cannot be provided.

The appellant is absent nor represented.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing the respondents, the following is concluded:

- Point -1 PIO to invoke section 10 and provide names of cardholders by severing the undisclosable personal information
- Point-2 To provide information, and if it does not exist, to give in writing that the that information does not exist in the record.
- Point-3 To provide the information

The information be provided immediately with a copy to the Commission.

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

Chandigarh
Dated: 21.11.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Ravinder Singh S/o Sh. Dharam Pal,
Barian Khurd, Garhshankar,
District Hoshiarpur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Hoshiarpur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2290 of 2022

PRESENT: Sh.Ravinder Singh as the appellant
Sh.Balkar Singh-APIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 19.02.2022 has sought information regarding the requirement of registration of certificate of sale for 'intikal' of property and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of DC Hoshiarpur.

The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 21.03.2022, which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Hoshiarpur. As per the respondent, the information has been provided.

The appellant has received the information.

Since the information has been provided, no further action is required. The case is **disposed of and closed.**

Chandigarh
Dated: 21.11.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh Jai Krishan S/o Late Sh Mangat Ram,
R/o # 3175/1 Street NO-10,
Labour Colony, Jawahar Nagar,
Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Distt Social Security Officer,
Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Distt Social Security Officer,
Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 535 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Kamaljeet Singh, DSSO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 17.07.2021 has sought information regarding the widow pension of Mrs Rama Rani w/o late Sh.Mangat Ram bearing office No.1547 dated 17.11.2011 and Memo No.CDPO-636 dated 20.12.2011 and PLA No.75176 – reasons for discontinuation and to restore the pension as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of District Social Security Officer, Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 20.08.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case was last heard on 27.06.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observed that the RTI application was filed on 17.07.2021 whereas the reply has been sent on 20.06.2022 with a delay of more than eleven months. The Commission having taken a serious view of this issued a **show cause notice to the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time and directed to file reply on an affidavit.**

Hearing dated 21.11.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. As per the respondent, the information has been provided to the appellant, and the appellant has acknowledged having received the information and does not want to pursue his case further. The respondent has also sent a reply to the show cause notice which has been taken on record.

Since the information has been provided and evidence has been provided that the appellant does not want to pursue the case further, the show cause is dropped and the case is closed.

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

Chandigarh
Dated: 21.11.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh Amarjit Singh,
Whistle Blower, NCAG Office,
Street NO-5, # 1331-5,
Vishavkarma Bahwan, Down Canal Road,
Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o CMO,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o CMO,
Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 219 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 18.09.2021 has sought information regarding the action taken report on a complaint dated 10.09.2021 alongwith name of the enquiry officer and statement of both parties as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of CMO Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 18.10.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case was last heard on 27.06.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Both parties were absent.

Having gone through the RTI application, the PIO was directed to provide information to the appellant as per the RTI application with a copy to the Commission.

Hearing dated 21.11.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today though video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Both parties are absent.

The Commission has received a letter dated 11.11.2020 vide which the PIO has sent a reply to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

Having gone through the RTI application and the copy of the reply received from the PIO, the Commission finds that the RTI application has been sufficiently replied to and no further interference of the Commission is required.

Chandigarh
Dated: 21.11.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Sandeep Kumar S/o Sh. Hari Mitrtar
Ward No.7, BACHHOHI,
District Hoshiarpur

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner.
Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Deputy Commissioner.
Hoshiarpur

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2574 of 2022

Present **None for the complainant**
 Sh.Neeraj Kumar, CCO and Sh.Balkar Singh, APIO for the respondent
Order

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 13.02.2022 has sought 3-point information regarding the name of the block-samiti members, of village Bachhohi, details of the allowances paid to block samiti members and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Hoshiarpur. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 15.03.2022 which took no decision on the appeal, after which the appellant filed 2nd appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through Video Conferencing at DAC Hoshiarpur. The respondent present informed that only Rs.500/- is being paid as an allowance to the Block Samiti Members and the reply is being sent to the appellant.

The appellant is absent nor represented.

Since there is nothing on record which shows that the information has been supplied to the appellant, the PIO is directed to send the information to the appellant immediately with a copy to the Commission.

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

Chandigarh
Dated: 21.11.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



ShJasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village BolapurJhabewal,
P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Food Safety Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon, Hoshiarpur.

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

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5377 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Ramandeep Singh, Food Safety Officer for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 31.08.2021 has sought information regarding the account from which the payment relating to the purchase of samples is being carried out – funds received from the Govt for the said purpose during last ten years – audit reports for last ten years relating to the receipt of funds. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 01.10.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was last heard on 28.06.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Hoshiarpur. Both parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 21.11.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Hoshiarpur. As per the respondent, the information has been provided.

The appellant is absent and vide email has informed that he has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the information has been provided, no further action is required. The case is **disposed of and closed.**

Chandigarh
Dated: 21.11.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Paramjit Singh Bharj,
#1711/15, Street No.3,
Simlapuri, Ludhiana

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Civil Surgeon,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Civil Surgeon,
Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No.2534 of 2022

Present **None for the appelant**
Dr.Charan Kamal-SMO Ludhiana and Dr.Abhishek-SMO Jagraon for the
respondent

Order

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 03.03.2022 has sought the information regarding names & address of all Govt. and private hospitals, dispensaries and medical test laboratories in district Ludhiana, list of all private and charitable hospitals and private medical test labs. and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 07.04.2022, which did not decide on the appeal, after which the appellant filed 2nd appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through Video Conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present from the office of Civil Surgeon Ludhiana pleaded that since the appellant has asked for information relating to all Hospitals/Labs of District Ludhiana, the RTI application was forwarded to all SMOs vide letter dated 12.04.2022 to provide information to the appellant concerning them directly with a copy to the appellant. SMO Ludhiana and SMO Jagraon are present and informed that they have already sent the information concerning them.

The appellant is absent nor represented.

Since the appellant has asked for information from all SMOs of the District Ludhiana, the PIO-Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana is directed to provide the remaining information to the appellant if it exists in the record.

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

Chandigarh
Dated: 21.11.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Rohit Sabharwal
#126, Model Gram,
Ludhiana-141002

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary to Commissioner,
Food & Drug Administration Punjab,
Near Civil Hospital, KHARAR.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Commissioner Of Police,
Amritsar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No.2531 of 2022

Present None for the complainant
Sh.Kewal Krishan, Sr.Asstt. for the respondent

Order

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 09.02.2022, has sought the action taken report regarding section 2(f) read with section 2(j) alongwith note sheets generated in connection to his complaint No.RS/261/06 dated 29th November 2021 alongwith action taken thereon – directions to concerned officers to conduct a survey and identify the Chemist shops running in Ludhiana who are deliberately violating the directions issued by the Joint Commissioner(Drugs), Food and Drug Administration, Punjab, copy of proper action initiated against the identified violator chemist shops deliberately violating the instructions of the Joint Commissioner(Drugs), Food and Drug Administration, Punjab, as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the Secretary to Commissioner, Food & Drugs Administration, Kharar. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 08.03.2022 after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 29.03.2022, which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through Video Conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that they received the RTI application dated 09.02.2022, which was forwarded to the Zonal Licensing Authority, Ludhiana and Drug Control Officer, Ludhiana for necessary action on the matter, and the appellant was sent reply vide letter dated 08.03.2022. A reminder was also issued to the Zonal Licensing Authority and Drug Control Officer Ludhiana for calling action taken report vide letter dated 02.05.2022 with a copy to the appellant. The appellant has also been sent the action taken report by the office of Food & Drug Administration vide letter dated 23.05.2022.

The Commission has also received a copy of the information from the PIO, which has been taken on record.

The appellant is absent nor represented.

Having gone through the RTI application and the information/reply of the PIO, the Commission finds that the RTI application has been sufficiently replied to, and no further interference of the Commission is required.

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

Chandigarh
Dated: 21.11.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Ravi S/o Sh. Pashi Lal,
#153-C, Bathindia Mohalla,
NABHA, Distt. Patiala

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Hoshiarpur

...Respondent

Appeal Case No.2507 of 2022

Present **None for the complainant**
Sh.Balkar Singh, APIO and Sh.Ajay Minhas, Clerk O/o DEO for the
respondent

Order

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 23.02.2022, has sought the list of teaching vacancies available in the Government Senior Secondary School and the name of the post of the most senior lecturer in Government Schools and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Hoshiarpur. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 25.03.2022, which did not decide on the appeal, after which the appellant filed 2nd appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through Video Conferencing at DAC Hoshiarpur. The respondent present pleaded that the information/reply has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 21.07.2022 and a copy of the letter sent to the Commission.

The appellant is absent nor represented.

Having gone through the RTI application and a copy of the reply received from the PIO, the Commission observes that the information on point 2 stands provided. Regarding point 1, the appellant wants to know the vacant posts of teachers in the school. The PIO is directed to provide the total number of vacant posts of teachers as on the date of hearing of this appeal.

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

Chandigarh
Dated: 21.11.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

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Simlapuri, Ludhiana

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Social Security Officer,
Smaj Bhalai Complex, Near Gill Road
Canal Bridge, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o The District Social Security Officer,
Smaj Bhalai Complex, Near Gill Road
Canal Bridge, Ludhiana.

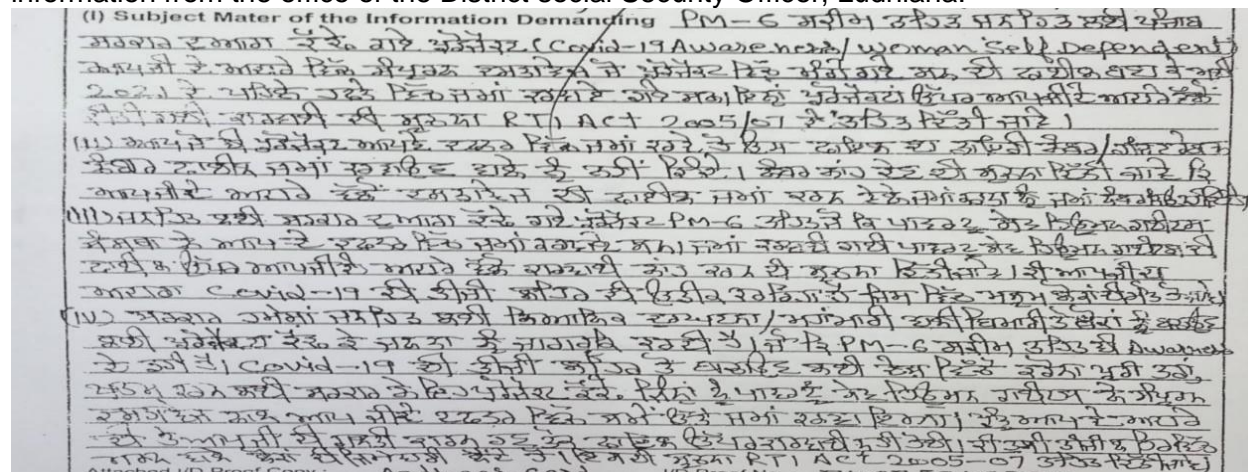
...Respondent

Appeal Case No.2514 of 2022

Present **None for the complainant**
 Sh.Kamaljeet Singh, DSSO for the respondent

Order

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 02.09.2021, has sought the following information from the office of the District social Security Officer, Ludhiana.



The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 22.10.2021 which took no decision on the appeal, after which the appellant filed a 2nd appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through Video Conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. As per the respondent, the information/reply has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 16.09.2021 with a copy to the Commission through email.

The appellant is absent nor represented.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply of the PIO, the Commission finds that the RTI application has been sufficiently replied to, and no further interference of the Commission is required. A copy of the reply received from the PIO is being sent to the appellant alongwith the order.

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

Sd/-

(Khushwant Singh)

State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh

Dated: 21.11.2022



Sh. Amandeep Singh, Advocate,
District Courts Complex,
Pathankot.

... Appellant

Versus

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

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

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1065 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Ashok Kumar, Inspector for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 15.09.2021 has sought information regarding copies of the site plan of 18 number brick kilns as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of District Food Supply Controller, Pathankot.

The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 25.10.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing 03.10.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Pathankot. As per the respondent, the information had been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 04.08.2022.

The appellant had received the information.

Due to the delay in providing the information, a show cause was issued to PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period and directed to file a reply on an affidavit.

Hearing dated 21.11.2022 :

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Pathankot. The respondent present pleaded that the information has already been supplied to the appellant, and the appellant is satisfied with the provided information.

The respondent has also replied to the show cause notice through email, which has been taken on record. It has been mentioned in the reply that since the sought record was 20-40 years old and the main files were lying at Gurdaspur, which was the district before Pathankot became a district, it took extra time to provide the information.

The appellant is absent nor is represented.

Since the information has been provided, I accept the plea of the PIO and drop the show cause notice.

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

Chandigarh
Dated: 21.11.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Dr. Babita Rani, D/o Sh Ram Sanehi Mittal,
R/o Abohar Road,
Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o National Health Mission, Pb,
5th Floor, Prayaas Building,
Sector-38, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
National Health Mission, Pb,
5th Floor, Prayaas Building,
Sector-38, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2536 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Ms.Deepshikha-PIO (HR Branch) for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 23.02.2021 has sought information on eight points regarding the existence of a rule under which the National Health Mission vide letter dated 20.11.2020 has recommended action against the appellant without giving an opportunity of hearing – a copy of justification filed for the delay in the release of the budget which resulted in the release of salary for April as well as the rule under which acquitted and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of National Health Mission, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information provided, after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 12.04.2021, which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 05.10.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Sri Mukatsar Sahib/Mohali. As per the respondent, the information had been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 19.05.2021 with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant was not satisfied and informed that the PIO had not supplied the information, and the reply dated 19.05.2021 is misleading.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply of the PIO, the Commission observed that there was prima facie evidence that the PIO could have supplied a misleading reply and denied the information intentionally. The PIO was given one last opportunity to relook at the RTI application and provide point-wise information to the appellant within 15 days with a copy to the Commission otherwise, the commission will be constrained to proceed against the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act.

On the date of hearing on **13.07.2022**, the appellant was not satisfied with the information supplied by the PIO.

The respondent pleaded that National Health Mission Punjab has no rules of its own as most of the staff are working as outsourced contractual employees. He further pleaded that the appellant is a regular Punjab Govt. employee working as SMO(PCMS) and her appointing authority is Director, Health & Family Welfare, Punjab. The respondent further pleaded that the Employees Conduct Rules of the office of Director Health & Family, Punjab, will be applicable in this case, and the same will be available in their office.

The PIO O/o the Director, Health & Family Welfare, Punjab, was impleaded as Respondent No.2, and directed to provide point-wise information to the appellant before the next fixed date with a copy of the same to Commission. The PIO was directed to appear for the hearing at the Commission's office at Chandigarh.

Hearing dated 21.11.2022 :

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Sri Mukatsar Sahib. The respondent present pleaded that complete information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 14.11.2022 with a copy to the Commission. The respondent further informed they have spoken with the appellant on the telephone and the appellant has shown satisfaction with the provided information.

The appellant is absent nor is represented to plead the case. It is presumed that the appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the information has been provided, no further action is required. The case is **disposed of and closed.**

Chandigarh
Dated: 21.11.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

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Public Information Officer
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Health and Family Welfare,
Punjab, Sector 34-A,
Chandigarh.



Sh Sandeep Kumar, S/o Sh Om Parkash,
R/o Street NO-2, near Shanti Dev Mandir,
Patel Nagar, Malout, Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Food Supply &
Consumer Affairs,
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Food Supply &
Consumer Affairs,
Pathankot.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1910 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
 Sh. Ashok Kumar, Inspector and Sh.Sukhjinder Singh-then PIO for the
 Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 22.12.2020, has sought information on seven points regarding the subsidised PDS Kerosene oil distributed during the 550th Parkash Purab of Guru Nanak Dev from 01.01.2019 to 09.12.2020 as per letter memo No.2S(78)/2019/1198 dated 04.10.2019 of Principal Secretary, Pb Department – List of dealers who lifted the oil along with the quantity of oil lifted and utilisation certificate received – allotment letter of oil –details of oil lifted by dealers from IPCL/HPCL/BPCL of Food Supply and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of DFSC Pathankot. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 27.01.2021 which did not decide on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 06.10.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Sri Mukatsar Sahib/Pathankot. As per the appellant, the information was not provided by the PIO.

The respondent was absent nor represented.

Show cause was issued to PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period. The PIO was directed to file reply on an affidavit. The PIO was again directed to provide information to the complainant within 15 days of the receipt of the order.

On the date of the hearing on **13.07.2022**, the appellant claimed that information has not been supplied by the PIO.

The PIO was absent nor represented.

The Commission was of the view that since the appellant has had to suffer undue inconvenience in getting the information, it is a fit case for awarding compensation to the appellant u/s 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act. Hence, the current PIO-DFSC, Pathankot, was directed to pay an amount of **Rs.5000/-** via demand draft as compensation to the appellant for the loss and detriment suffered by him on having to file the appeals and not getting information on time and submit evidence for having made the payment of compensation amount to the appellant.

Further, it was observed that Shri Sukhjinder Singh, DFSC-cum-PIO Pathankot (07.11.2019 to 05.04.2021) was the PIO when the RTI was filed (22.12.2020), and there was prima facie evidence that the application was not attended to as per the RTI Act. One last opportunity was given to Shri Sukhjinder Singh, the then DFSC-cum-PIO now posted at Gurdaspur, to submit a reply to show cause notice before the next date of hearing.

The current PIO was directed to provide the sought information within a week.

Hearing dated 21.11.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Sri Mukatsar Sahib/Pathankot. The respondent present pleaded that the information has already been provided to the appellant, and the compensation amount has also been paid to the appellant vide demand draft dated 16.08.2022 with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant is absent and, vide letter dated 25.08.2022, has informed that he has received the compensation amount by way of a demand draft.

Sh. Sukhjinder Singh has also sent a reply to the show cause notice, which has been taken on record.

Since the information has been provided and the compensation has been paid, no further interference from the Commission is required. The case is **disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated: 21.11.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

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Shri Sukhjinder Singh,
Distt. Food Supply &
Consumer Affairs,
GURDASPUR.



Sh. Sher Singh S/o Sh. Harjit Singh
1305, Sector 18-C,
Chandigarh-160018

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Managing Director,
Punjab State Civil Supplies
Corporation Limited,
Sector 34-A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Managing Director,
Punjab State Civil Supplies
Corporation Limited,
Sector 34-A, Chandigarh

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2381 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Shri Amandeep Singh, APIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 04.09.2020 has sought a copy of the main file of the procurement & Storage branch along with all noting (50 pages) of the first chief crop in year 2011-12 relating to Baba Khazan Das Agro Industries, district Ludhiana, from the O/o MD, Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. The appellant filed first appeal with the first appellate authority on 31.01.2021 which took no decision. The appellant filed a second appeal in the Commission on 12.05.2022 under section 19 of the RTI 2005.

The case first came up for hearing on 20.07.2022.

The appellant claimed that the PIO had not supplied the information.

The respondent pleaded that the requisite information was being traced, and the same will be supplied shortly. The respondent further requested to adjourn the case to a short date.

The appellant agreed to the plea of the respondent. The PIO was directed to supply complete certified information to the appellant within 15 days of the receipt of this order.

On the date of the last hearing on **04.10.2022**, the appellant claimed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent pleaded that due to some reservations by the department in parting with the information, the information was not provided.

Since the order to provide the information had already been passed by this bench on 20.07.2022 and the PIO's reluctance to part with the information even after orders have been passed to provide the information was prima-facie evidence of PUNSUP trying to defy the orders of the commission and thus stonewalling the information.

The Commission having taken a serious view of this, issued a **show cause notice to the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time and for not complying with the order of the Commission and directed to file reply on an affidavit.** The PIO was directed to provide information to the appellant within ten days of the receipt of the order and send a compliance report to the Commission.

Hearing dated 21.11.2020:

As per the respondent, the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 14.11.2022.

The appellant is absent and, vide letter received in the Commission on 18.11.2022, has informed that he has received the information and is satisfied with the provided information.

The PIO has also submitted a reply to the show cause notice, which has been taken on the record. Since the information has been provided and the appellant is satisfied with the provided information and does not want to pursue the matter further, the case is **disposed of and closed.**

**Chandigarh
Dated: 21.11.2022**

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