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Sh.Ajit Kapoor, S/o Sh.Desh Raj, R/o H No-118, Ward No-19, Mohalla Dollian Wala, Ferozepur City.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SSP, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

### Complaint Case No. 23 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Complainant

Sh.Sukhdev Singh, ASI for the Respondent

### ORDER:

Through an RTI application dated 12.03.2020, the complainant has sought a complete report regarding the complaint (23-R-DSP City) filed by Veera Bai dt.20.03.20218 with attached photographs and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SSP Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a complaint in the Commission on 24.12.2020.

The case was first heard on 05.05.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The respondent present pleaded that the available information has been provided to the complainant by hand on 04.07.2020. However, as per the statement of the concerned enquiry officer-cum- ASI, Sh. Joginder Singh, the photographs that the complainant claimed to have been attached by Veera Bai in her complaint dated 20.03.20218, were not found enclosed with the complaint.

The Commission also received a letter from the PIO on 30.04.2021 which was taken on the file of the Commission. In the said letter, the PIO stated that as per the statement of ASI Joginder Singh-cum-enquiry office of DSP(City) Ferozepur, no photographs were found with the complaint of Veera Bai dated 20.03.2018.

Hearing both the parties, the Commission directed the PIO to give this in writing on an affidavit to the complainant with a copy to the Commission.

On the date of the last hearing on **27.07.2021**, the respondent present pleaded that in compliance with the order of the Commission, an affidavit has been provided to the appellant and the appellant has received the same.

The appellant was still not satisfied with the affidavit and stated that the photographs were attached with the complaint and the receipt branch of the SSP office had acknowledged the same.

The case was marked to the SSP Ferozepur with the direction to resolve this issue and provide the information if it exists. If the document has disappeared from the file, an enquiry be conducted and an enquiry report be submitted to the Commission.

### Complaint Case No. 23 of 2021

### Hearing dated 25.08.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The appellant is absent.

The respondent present pleaded that no photographs were found attached with the complaint of Veera Bai dated 20.03.2018 and as per the order of the Commission, an affidavit has already been provided to the complainant with a copy to the Commission.

The Commission has also received the reply of the PIO on 23.08.2021 which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

Since the PIO has filed an affidavit that no photographs were found attached with the complaint, the compliance of the order is complete.

No further course of action is required. The case is disposed of and closed.

Chandigarh Dated:25.08.2021

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Sh. Jagdish Lal S/o Sh. Mohan Lal, Kothi No-108, Rajguru Street, Near Bhagat Singh Colony, Ferozepur City.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Chief Secretary, Local Govt, Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 733 of 2020

Present: None for the Complainant

Sh.Ajit Kumar, Suptd. for the Respondent

### ORDER:

The complainant through the RTI application dated 16.06.2020 has sought information regarding the name of the officer authorized to whom complaints about posting/transfer of EO can be filed and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Chief Secretary Local Govt. Punjab, Chandigarh. The complainant was not provided with the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 05.10.2020.

The case was first heard on 08.03.2021. Both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

On the date of the next hearing on **05.05.2021, which** was held through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur, both the parties were absent.

The complainant vide letter received in the Commission on 03.05.2021 informed that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent was absent on 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive hearing. There has been an enormous delay of ten months in attending to the RTI application. The PIO was issued a show-cause notice under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file a reply on an affidavit.

On the date of the last hearing on **27.07.2021**, as per the appellant, the information was not provided by the PIO.

The respondent present pleaded that the reply has already been given to the complainant in an earlier complaint case No.528 of 2020 filed by the complainant for seeking exactly the same information which was disposed of by the Commission on 17.05.2021. Regarding the reply to the show-cause notice, the respondent informed that the PIO was indisposed and assured to send the reply to the show-cause notice.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the PIO was directed to provide information on point-1 to the complainant. The information regarding points 2 & 3 was found ambiguous and already decided in the earlier case No.528 of 2020.

The PIO was given the last more opportunity to file a reply to the show-cause notice.

## Hearing dated 25.08.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The respondent is present at Chandigarh and informed that the information relating to point-1 has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 17.08.2021 with a copy to the Commission.

The respondent has also filed a reply to the show-cause notice which has been taken on the file of the Commission. In the reply, the PIO has mentioned that he has just joined as the PIO in LG-3 Branch on 12.08.2021. Further as per record, the complainant had filed an RTI application on 18.06.2020 and the reply was sent on 07.09.2020. The PIO has also mentioned in the reply that the complainant had also filed another complaint case No.528 of 2020 for seeking exactly the same information which was disposed of by the Commission on 17.05.2021. Now as per the order of the Commission in the present case, the information on point-1 has also been provided to the complainant.

The complainant is absent.

Having gone through the reply, I find no malafide intention on the part of the PIO in attending to the RTI application and drop the show cause.

The information stands provided. No further course of action is required. A copy of the information that has been submitted by the respondent is being sent along with the order for the complainant.

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

Chandigarh Dated 25.08.2021

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Sh M.P Singh, S/o Sh Gullu Singh, R/o Village Sohangarh Ratte Wala, Distt Ferozepur.

**Public Information Officer**,

O/o District Social Security Officer, Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Director, Child Development & Welfare of Women Deptt, Pb, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

... Appellant

Appeal Case No. 740 of 2021

Versus

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Ms.Raj Kiran Kaur -DSSO for the Respondent

### ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 22.06.2020 has sought information on 10 points regarding budget approved for pension by Punjab Govt in the years 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020 – total number of pension applications received in 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020 in village Sohangarh Ratewala/declined and new pension cases approved – bank name and account number of PL numbers from 01.01.2017 to June 2020 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of District Social Security Officer, Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 22.07.2020 which disposed of the appeal on 28.07.2020 with the decision that since as per the report of PIO, the appellant was asked to deposit the requisite fee for getting information which the appellant did not deposit, the appellant is now asked to deposit the requisite fee and get the information.

The case last came up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. Both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

### Hearing dated 25.08.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The respondent present pleaded that since they are not maintaining the record block-wise and not district-wise and also most of the information relates to 3<sup>rd</sup> party information, the information is not readily available and has to be created which will divert sufficient resources of the department. Further, the appellant has not specified the period of information.

The appellant is absent on the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive occasion to pursue his case.

Having gone through the RTI application, the PIO is directed to provide:-

- Point-1 - The PIO to provide information

- Point-2 - The PIO to provide information block-wise

- Point-3 - Being personal information, not to be provided

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-	Point-4	-	The appellant to clarify the period as well as name of place about which the appellant wants information
-	Point-5	-	Being personal information, not to be provided
-	Point-6	-	Appellant to specify the period
-	Point-7	-	PIO to provide information
-	Point-8	-	PIO to provide information
-	Point-9	-	PIO to provide information for last 3 years
-	Point-10	-	Ambiguous information. Not to be provided

The PIO is again directed to provide the information and send a compliance report to the Commission.

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

Chandigarh Dated :25.08.2021

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Sh. Jasveer Singh, S/o Sh. Joginder Singh, R/o Village Megha Panj Garae Hithad, Tehsil Guruharsahai, Distt Ferozepur.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/o District Social Security Officer, Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,
Social security Women and Child Welfare,
Department, Pb, Chd.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3577 of 2020

**PRESENT:** None for the Appellant

Ms.Raj Kiran Kaur, DSSO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 10.06.2020 has sought information regarding the APR of pensioners of Gram Panchayat Megha Panj Grai which was deposited after taking thumb impressions of beneficiaries and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of District Social Security Officer, Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 21.07.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 31.03.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The respondent informed that the available information has been provided to the appellant and some part of the information is available with the BDPO Guru Harsahai.

As per an email received from the BDPO Guruharsahai, the record relating to APRs of all panchayats had been deposited in the office of Director Social Security Officer Ferozepur and the office of Social Security Officer had acknowledged having received the same.

The PIO-Social Security Officer, Ferozepur was directed to procure the remaining information from the concerned BDPO and provide it to the appellant.

On the date of the last hearing on **28.06.2021**, the respondent brought the remaining information. The appellant was absent. The respondent was directed to send complete information to the appellant through the registered post within a week with a copy to the Commission.

#### Hearing dated 25.08.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The respondent informed that in compliance with the order of the commission, the remaining information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 11.08.2021.

The appellant is absent on 3<sup>rd</sup> occasion without legitimate reasons for the absence to pursue his case.

The information stands provided, no further course of action is required. The case is disposed of and closed.

Chandigarh Dated: 25.08.2021