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Smt. Mandeep Kaur W/o Sh. Lakhpreet Singh, (8437747049) Village Meerpur, P.O. Kheti Noodh Singh, Tehsil Khamano, District Fatehgarh Sahib-141411

...Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o DPI (Colleges) Punjab, PSEB Complex, 7th Floor, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali) - 160062

First Appellate Authority

O/o DPI (Colleges) Punjab, PSEB Complex, 7th Floor, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali) – 160062

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4367 OF 2021

Versus

PRESENT: None for the Complainant

Sh. Gurdip Singh, Senior Assistant for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 20.05.2021 has sought information on 5 points regarding the appointment of Assistant Professor (History) in Mata Gujri College, Fatehgarh Sahib, against advertisement No.306/2020 – the name of the candidate who was selected for the above-mentioned post – a copy of MA (His), M.Phil and Ph.D degrees of the candidate and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of the DPI(Colleges) Punjab. The appellant filed first appeal with the First Appellate Authority on 28.06.2021 which did not decide to supply the information, after which the appellant filed the second appeal in Commission.

The case first came up for hearing on 09.12.2021 through cisco webex in the bench of Shri Hem Inder Singh, State Information Commissioner Punjab who has demitted his office on 22.12.2022. The case was reallocated to the bench of the undersigned.

Hearing dated 26.07.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC SAS Nagar. The appellant is absent nor is represented.

The respondent present pleaded that the RTI application of the appellant has been transferred to the Principal, Mata Gujri College, Sri Fatehgarh Sahib under section 6(3)(ii) of the RTI Act.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observes that the respondent has not transferred the RTI application within the statutory time of five days as prescribed under section 6(3) of the RTI Act, the respondent is directed to retrieve the information from the Principal, Mata Gujri College, Sri Fatehgarh Sahib. While impleading the PIO office of the Principal, Mata Gujri College, Sri Fatehgarh Sahib,as Respondent No.2, he/she is directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant by registered post before the next date of hearing. He is further directed to be present on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned and to come up for further hearing on **30.11.2022 at 11.00AM** through video conferencing at DC Office, Sri Fatehgarh Sahib. The respondent-PIO is directed to appear for hearing at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Dated: 26.07.2022 (Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commission

CC to:-

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Sh. Vikram Vaid, (9855032897)

R/o # 1527, Gali No. 2, Bagh Ramanand, Amritsar.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o DPI (Colleges), Punjab, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority O/o DPI (Colleges), Punjab, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4226 OF 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 05.03.2021 has sought details of number of posts of senior Assistants in grant-in-aid colleges sanctioned by the DPI(c)- list of grant-in-aid colleges from 2008 along with numbers and names – list of grant in aid colleges where the junior and senior assistants, Jr.Lab Assistant/lab assistants are promoted and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of the DPI(Colleges) Punjab. The appellant filed first appeal with the First Appellate Authority on 28.06.2021 which, took no decision to supply the information after which the appellant filed second appeal in Commission.

The case first came up for hearing on 01.12.2021 through cisco webex in the bench of Shri Hem Inder Singh, State Information Commissioner Punjab who has demitted his office on 22.12.2022. The case was reallocated to the bench of the undersigned.

Hearing dated 26.07.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. The appellant is absent nor is represented.

The PIO is absent nor is represented. The PIO is directed to supply the information to the appellant within 30 days.

The case is adjourned and to come up for further hearing on **23.11.2022 at 11.00AM** through video conferencing at DC Office, Amritsar. The respondent-PIO is directed to appear for hearing at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Dated: 26.07.2022 (Khushwant Singh)
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Sh. Jasbir Singh, 3008, Sector-20-D, Chandigarh.

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Khalsa College, G.T.Road, Amritsar

...Respondents

...Complainant

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 1116 OF 2021

PRESENT: None for the Complainant None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant, through an RTI application dated 29.04.2021 has sought the copy of the service book of the complainant at the office of the Khalsa College, Amritsar. The complainant was not provided the information after, which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 03.06.2021.

The case has come up for hearing on 25.11.2021 through cisco webex in the bench of Shri Hem Inder Singh, State Information Commissioner Punjab who has demitted his office on 22.12.2022. The complainant claimed that the PIO has not supplied the information till date. The case was reallocated to the bench of the undersigned.

Hearing dated 26.07.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar.

Both the parties are absent.

The case is adjourned and to come up for further hearing on **23.11.2022 at 11.00AM** through video conferencing at DC Office, Amritsar.

Chandigarh (Khushwant Singh)
Dated: 26.07.2022 State Information Commission

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Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur.

...Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Principal, Kamala Nehru College for Women, Phagwara

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Principal, Kamala Nehru College for Women, Phagwara

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4707 OF 2021

Versus

PRESENT: None the appellant

Advocate Shubham Mehta for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 29.06.2021 has sought information regarding students enrolled in MA-4th Semester - number of SC/ST students and how many students have deposited their fee and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the Principal, Kala Nehru College for women, Phagwara. On not receiving the information, the appellant filed the first appeal to First Appellate Authority on 22.09.2021, which took no decision, and the appellant filedthe second appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Kapurthala. The appellant is absent nor represented.

The respondent appearing on behalf of the respondent-PIO has sought adjournment of the case to another date.

The appelant is also absent, nor represented.

The case is adjourned and to come up on 30.11.2022 at 11.00 AM for hearing through video conferencing at DC Office, Ludhiana/Jalandhar.

Chandigarh Dated: 26.07.2022 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commission

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Sh Varinder Singh, S/o Sh Dalbir Singh, R/o Khanpur Rajputan, Tehsil Shahkot, P.O Kotli Gujjran, Distt Jalandhar.

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Child Development & Project Officer, Shahkot, Distt Jalandhar. ... Complainant

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1089 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh. Nirmal Singh, Clerk, for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through an RTI application dated 25.06.2021 has sought information regarding the period of posting of Smt. Darshan Kaur in Aanganwari of villae Bhadma Tehsil Shahkot – rule under which she was retrenched and under whose recommendations –the record of funds released on her retrenchment – number of applications received for this post etc. as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Child Development and Project Officer, Shahkot. The complainant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 23.07.2021 after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 26.08.2021.

The case first came up for hearing on 16.05.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Jalandhar. As per the respondent, the information has been supplied to the complainant vide letter dated 05.05.2022.

The complainant was absent nor was represented.

For non-compliance of the Commission's order and taking a serious view of this the Commission directed the PIO to show cause why penalty be not imposed on under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time and willfully denial of information. 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.

Hearing dated 26.07.2022:

The case has come up for hearing through video conferencing at DAC Jalandhar. The complainant is absent nor is represented.

The respondent present pleaded that areply to the show cause notice issued has been filed by Smt. Jagdish Kaur, vide letter dated 10.06.2022.

Having gone through the reply of the PIO, the Commission rejects the reply to show cause notice submitted by the PIO as she has put the onus of delay in attending the RTI application on the junior staff, whereas the PIO is wholly responsible to attend the RTI applications received in their office, unless transferred under section 5(5) to seek assistance. Moreover, the PIO has neither availed the opportunity to attend the hearing nor sent any communication specifying the reason for her absence.

Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, a penalty to the tune of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) is imposed upon Smt. Jagdish Kaur, CDPO, Jalandhar, now posted at Dharamkot, distgrict Moga, to be deducted from the salary which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head. An attested copy of the receipted challan is also directed to be presented before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **29.11.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

Chandigarh Dated: 26.07.2022 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commission

CC:- Smt Jagdish Kaur, CDPO, Dharamkot, Distt MOga

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Smt Amandeep Kaur, H No-39/3, Shaheed Baba Deep Singh Nagar, Jalandhar.

Versus

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Pb, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Pb, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4750 of 2021

PRESENT: Mr. Navdeep Anmol, for the complainant

Sh. Bhag Singh Superintendent, for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 15.01.2021 has sought information regarding action taken on her complaint and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Chief Secretary Govt of Punjab, Civil Secretariat Chandigarh which transferred the same to Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare Pb vide letter dated 05.02.2021 under section 6(3) of the RTI Act. The Principal Secretary of Health and Family Welfare further transferred the RTi application to Director Health and Family Welfare, Pb vide letter dated 01.03.2021. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 15.04.2021which did not decide on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 16.05.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Jalandhar. As per the appellant, the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent was absent nor was represented. The Commission has received a letter from the Suptd.-cum-PIO O/o Director Health (E-3 Branch) stating that the information sought by the appellant relates to Dr.Bagga (Retd as Civil Surgeon, SBS Nagar who had joined duty in the year 1984 and since the information sought by the appellant is 36 years old, it cannot be provided under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.

As per the appellant, she has sought only action taken on her complaint alongwith the relevant noting/correspondence.

Having gone through the file, the Commission observes that there is no copy of the RTI application (dated 15.01.2021) and the First appeal dated (15.04.2021) in the file of this case. The appellant was directed to send a copy of the RTI application and a copy/decision of the first appeal dated 15.04.2021 to the Commission.

The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 26.07.2022:

The case has come up for hearing through video conferencing at DAC Jalandhar. As per the representative of the appellant, a copy of the RTI application has been sent to the Commission.

The respondent present has brought a letter dated 25.07.2022 stating therein that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide their letter dated 15.03.2019 and 21.05.2019 and has further stated that inquiry against Dr. Ajai Bagga could not be completed due to transfer or superannuation of the enquiry officers from time to time. The letter is taken on record.

Hearing both the parties, the representative of the appellant is directed to provide copy of the RTI application. This case cannot be adjudicated without the RTI application, which is missing in the file and it has been brought to the notice of the appellant twice.

To come up for further hearing on **30.11.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commission

Chandigarh Dated: 26.07.2022