



Sh. Rajesh Kumar, (7009557499)

S/o Sh.Asok Kumar, House No 1135,
MohallaGunga Mari, Ropar

.....Appellant/Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Nagar Council, Roopnagar.

.....Respondent

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Govt, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3691 of 2020

Present: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Ajay Kumar (JE) 7380252500

ORDER

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed appeal/complaint case in the Commission dated 26.11.2020. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. An email dated 27.01.2021 from the appellant Sh. Rajesh Kumar is received by the bench of undersigned vide which he has requested for an adjournment. This email is taken on record.
3. Respondent, Sh. Ajay Kumar pleaded that the sought information is in the question form and is not specific therefore it cannot be provided. He further added that the same has been intimated to the appellant vide letter no. 2604 dated 21.09.2020.
4. After going through the RTI application, the Commission observes that the sought information enumerated in RTI application is **not specific and vague**. Under Section 7(9) in The Right To Information Act, 2005. (9). An information shall ordinarily be provided in the form in which it is sought unless it would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority or would be detrimental to the safety or preservation of the record in question. Therefore, the appellant is advised to ask specific information point wise (in written form) by the respondent PIO, within 20 days from the issue of this order under intimation to the commission. The respondent shall provide information/reply in case the same pointed out by the appellant.

Another opportunity is given to both the parties to present the case on next date of hearing positively, failing which the ex-parte decision will be taken.

5. To come up on 01.03.2021 at 11.30 AM to be heard at PSIC, Sector-16 Chandigarh.

Chandigarh
Dated: 27.01.2021

Sd/-
(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Harinder Singh Sidhu, (9815355655)

S/o Late Sh. Jagdev Singh,

R/o 127, Sector 23 A, Chandigarh.

.....Appellant/Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

.....Respondent

O/o Registrar, Cooperative Societies, PB,
Sector-17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o Registrar, Cooperative Societies, PB,
Sector-17, Chandigarh

Appeal Case No. 3719 & 3720 of 2020

Present: Appellant: Adv. Balvinder Singh on behalf of appellant Sh. Harinder Singh Sidhu
Respondent: Ms. Sandhya Sharma (APIO) 9855376282

ORDER

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed appeal/complaint case in the Commission dated 27.11.2020. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today. As both parties are same, therefore a single speaking order is being passed in the above mentioned cases.
2. The Appellant's representative Adv. Balvinder Singh reiterated the contents of his RTI application and argued that [Section 8\(h\)](#) of the RTI Act, 2005 was not applicable to the information sought by him. He further added that pendency of writ petition does not impede any investigation unless it is specifically stated so by the Hon'ble High court in some of its order.

3. Post Deliberation :

Respondent, Ms. Sandhya Sharma agreed to supply the information. A written submission was made by her during the course of hearing, which is taken on record and the relevant portion of which is reproduced below:-

ਦਿੱਤਾ - ਅਪੀਲ ਦੇ 3719 ਆਦਿ 2020 ਅਤੇ 3720 ਆਦਿ 2020 ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ।

ਕੇਸ ਦੇ ਭੇਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੇਵਾ ਦੇਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਅਫਸਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੁਦਰਸ਼ੀ
ਜਾਂ ਮਾਨਵਰਤਾ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਦੇ ਸੁਝਾਅ ਨੂੰ ਦੇਣ ਸੇਵਾ ਪ੍ਰਣਾਲੀ
ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੱਡੇ ਡੈਸਕ ਗੈਰਵਾਜ਼ਾ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੁਰਤਾ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ ਅੰਦਰ 2005
ਦੇ ਸੈਕਸ਼ਨ 8(h) ਵਿੱਚ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਨਾਂ ਤੇ ਇਹ ਸੁਝਾਅ ਦੀ ਅਸਰਦਾਰਤਾ ਦੇ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ
ਵੱਡੇ ਸਿੱਧੇ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਸੁਰਤਾ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਦੇ 15-20 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ -2
ਪ੍ਰਤੀਬੱਧ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਸੁਝਾਅ ਦੇ ਸਿੱਧੇ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਹਨ।

The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI applications. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards the [RTI Act](#), 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the respondent in responding to the RTI application.



It was felt that the conduct of respondent was against the spirit of the [RTI Act](#), 2005 which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.

4. **Decision:** Keeping in view the facts of the case and the submissions made by both the parties, it is evident that no satisfactory reply had been provided by the respondent in the matter, which is a grave violation of the provisions of the [RTI Act](#), 2005. The Commission therefore, directs the respondent to provide a clear and specific information to the Appellant within a period of 20 days in accordance with the provisions of the [RTI Act](#), 2005. Failing to which action under section 20(1) of RTI act will be initiated.
5. To come up on 01.03.2021 at 11.30 AM to be heard at PSIC, Sector-16 Chandigarh.

Chandigarh
Dated: 27.01.2021

Sd/-
(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Resham Singh, (8727857058)

C/o Satyam Parkash, Water Supply andAppellant/Complainant
Sanitation Department, Sub Division, Near Judicial Court,
Ferozepur Road, Moga

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o XEN, Construction Division B&R,Respondent
Moga

First Appellate Authority

O/o SE, PWD B&R Division,
Faridkot.

Appeal Case No. 3727 of 2020

Present: Appellant: Sh. Resham Singh

Respondent: Sh. Balwinder Singh (SDE) 9815732863

ORDER

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed appeal/complaint case in the Commission dated 02.12.2020. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. Appellant, Sh. Resham Singh aggrieved that no information has been supplied till date.
3. On this, respondent Sh. Balwinder Singh made his written submission in the court which the relevant portion of which is reproduced below:

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਫ਼ਿਲੇ ਕੀਰਿਤ ਕੇਸ਼ ਦੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਇਸ ਬੰਨੀ
ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਨਿਯਮਿਤ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਿਤ ਇਨਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਮਾਹੀਤਤਾ 20/0
ਨਿਯਮਿਤ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਿਤ ਇਨਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਮਾਹੀਤਤਾ 20/0
ਮਾਹੀਤਤਾ ਦੀ ਨਿਯਮਿਤ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਿਤ ਇਨਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਮਾਹੀਤਤਾ 20/0
ਨਿਯਮਿਤ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਿਤ ਇਨਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਮਾਹੀਤਤਾ 20/0
ਨਿਯਮਿਤ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਿਤ ਇਨਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਮਾਹੀਤਤਾ 20/0
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ਨਿਯਮਿਤ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਿਤ ਇਨਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਮਾਹੀਤਤਾ 20/0

4. In the light of above another opportunity is given to respondent authority with the directions to respondent PIO, to file a reply / supply information before the next date of hearing. Failing to which action under section 20(1) of RTI act will be initiated.
5. To come up on 01.03.2021 at 11.30 AM to be heard at PSIC, Sector-16 Chandigarh.

Chandigarh

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Sh. Rakesh Kumar, (9530503412)

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SunamUdham Singh Wala, Distt Sangrur-148028

Versus

Public Information OfficerRespondent

O/o Director, Cultural Affairs Archaeology and Museum,
Plot NO.3,PunjabArchivesBhawan,
Sector 38 A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o Principal Secretary, Cultural Affairs Archaeology and Museum,
Plot NO.3,PunjabArchivesBhawan,
Sector 38 A, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 3729 of 2020

Present: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Sh. Anshuman (ACFA) 8558977446

ORDER

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed appeal/complaint case in the Commission dated 02.12.2020. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. An email dated 27.01.2021 from the appellant Sh. Rajesh Kumar is received by the bench of undersigned vide which he has requested for an adjournment. This email is taken on record.
3. Respondent PIO, Sh. Anshuman pleaded that the appellant has asked for the same information (i.e. information pertaining to construction of Udham Singh memorial) through the RTI application dated 15.10.2019 & 19.11.2019. The information has been supplied in both the cases dated 11.12.2019 vide letter bearing no. 7986 and another dated 24.02.2020 vide letter bearing no. 428. A written submission in this regard has been made by the respondent PIO in the Commission vide diary no. 1806 dated 25.01.2021. This letter is taken on record with all supporting enclosures.
4. The Commission observes that *any repetition of a RTI application or adding one or two points to the already sought information via previous RTI application would cause waste of time and energy of the Public Authority & the Commission, which is unreasonable as the appellant is already holding the information given to his earlier application.*
5. The appellant is not present today. Moreover, he has not made any submissions regarding his exemption. Further, he is advised/ ordered to point out deficiencies, if any, to the respondent-Public Information Officer with a copy to the Commission failing which the ex-parte decision will be taken on the next date of hearing.
6. To come up on 01.03.2021 at 11.30 AM to be heard at PSIC, Sector-16 Chandigarh.

Sd/-

Chandigarh

Dated: 27.01.2021

(Maninder Singh Patti)

State Information Commissioner

Sh. Harjinder Singh Gill ,(8437623374)

House No.235,R/o Khemkaran Road,
Chela Colony, Ward No 8, AddaBhikhiwind,



Tehsil Patti, Distt Tarn Taran

.....Appellant/Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

.....Respondent

O/o Supdt. Of Jail,
Central Jail, Bathinda

Complaint Case No. 900 of 2020

Present: Complainant: Adv. Inder Pal Singh on behalf of Sh. Harjinder Singh Gill

Respondent: Sh. Dhani Ram (Head Warder) 9464076432

ORDER

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed appeal/complaint case in the Commission dated 24.11.2020. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. **Written Submissions by Respondent:**

It is respectfully submitted that in complaint case no. 900 of 2020 the Public Information officer was directed to appear personally before the commission. It is brought in notice that reply to the commission notice has been submitted vide letter no. 595/21.01.2021 the data regarding RTI sought by the applicant has been arranged and photocopies have also been done. The applicant has been informed by letter no.881/21.01.2021 to submit fees of Rs.1630/- as photo copy charge and Rs.500/- as Postal charges. As soon as the money is deposited by the applicant the required information will be made available to the applicant.

3. Appellant's representative Adv. Inder Pal Singh reached the Commission after the hearing was over and was apprised of the proceedings of this Court.
4. The Commission observes that according to Section 7 (3) (a) of the Act, the respondent authority has intimated the complainant about the details of further fees representing the cost of providing the information, together with the calculations made to arrive at the amount.

In the view of above observations, the appellant is directed to deposit the required amount (as mentioned above) within 20 days from the issue of this order under intimation to the commission. Only then, the respondent shall provide the sought information.

Another opportunity is given to both the parties to present the case on next date of hearing positively; failing the case will be decided on merit basis.

5. To come up on 01.03.2021 at 11.30 AM to be heard at PSIC, Sector-16 Chandigarh.

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