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Sh. Balwant Azad, # 77, Ward No-1, VPO Chabba, Distt Amritsar.



... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o District Food Supply Officer, Amritsar.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 31 of 2021

Present: None for the Complainant

Sh.Amrit Pal Singh, Inspector and Sh.Baldev Singh, Sr. Assistant for the

Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 25.05.2020 has sought information regarding details of SC/BC/OBC/General category ration cards with Ration depot No. 12,13,14& 33 for the year 2016-17, 2017-18, 2017-18, 2018-19 & 2020-21 - ration distributed total number of cardholders - details of new cards and cards rejected and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of District Food Supply Officer, Amritsar. The complainant was not provided with the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 24.12.2020.

The case last came up for hearing 0n 05.05.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. As per the respondent, the information had been sent to the complainant vide letter dated 04.05.2021 with a copy to the Commission.

The Commission has received a copy of a letter dated 04.05.2021 from the PIO through email vide which the PIO has sent a reply to the complainant that the information relating to points 2 to 6 is available on their website and the information on points 1 & 7 is not available in their record since no separate record is being maintained for the ration cards relating to SC/BC/OBC/General category.

The Commission observed that there has been an enormous delay of one year 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 reply on an affidavit.**

Hearing dated 27.07.2021:

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

The PIO is absent. The Commission has received a reply from the PIO through email which has been taken on the file of the Commission. In the reply, the PIO has mentioned that since the information was in the custody of Inspector Amritpal Singh, he was directed vide letters dated 22.06.2020, 29.06.2020, 09.07.2020 & 02.09.2020 to provide the information but he provided the information only on 04.05.2021. Due to this negligence, the concerned inspector has been issued a show-cause notice with a copy to Director Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Pb Chandigarh on 26.07.2021 for taking appropriate action against the concerned inspector.

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The inspector Amritpal Singh is present and informed that he was posted as an inspector in the division only in Feb.2020. However, he was not handed over the record by his predecessor since there was an ongoing vigilance inquiry. He claimed that the information has been provided to the complainant and the complainant is satisfied.

The complainant is absent on the second consecutive occasion, nor has provided any suitable reason for the absence.

Show cause notice is withdrawn and case is **disposed of** due to non pursuance of the case by the appellant..

Chandigarh Dated 27.07.2021 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

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Ms. Harpreet Kaur, D/o Sh Kala Singh, R/o Village DallaRajputan, Tehsil Ajnala, Distt Amritsar.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SSP (Rural), Amritsar.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 37 of 2021

Present: None for the Complainant

Sh.Harpal Singh, ASI for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 31.08.2020 has sought information regarding the statement of complainant and witnesses in FIR No.93 dated 09..05.2020 u/s 498-A, 494 IPC against Harjit Singh Avtar Singh, Jaso Kaur Surjit Singh & others - list of accused recovery of goods along with list prepared by enquiry officer - the name of the enquiry officer reasons for the delay in presenting challan in the court and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SSP, Amritsar(Rural). The complainant was not provided with the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 28.12.2020.

The case last came up for hearing on 05.05.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. Both the parties were absent.

The PIO was directed to re-look at the RTI application and send a point-wise reply to the complainant with a copy to the Commission.

Hearing dated 27.07.2021:

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

The respondent further informed that as per the report of Police Station Ajnala, the challan was prepared on 02.102.2020 which was approved on 10.05.2021 but could not be presented in the court since the courts remained closed due to the corona epidemic. Now the challan has been presented in the court on 26.07.2021.

The complainant is absent on the 2nd consecutive occasion without any specific reasons for the absence.

The case is **disposed of and closed** for non-pursuance by the complainant.

Chandigarh
Dated 27.07.2021

Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

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Ms. Harpreet Kaur, D/o Sh Kala Singh, R/o Village DallaRajputan, Tehsil Ajnala, Distt Amritsar.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SSP (Rural), Amritsar.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 44 of 2021

Present: None for the Complainant

Sh.Harpal Singh for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 31.08.2020 has sought information regarding action taken report of Police Station Ajnala on the application dated 30.10.2019 filed to SSP Amritsar along with statement - FIR No.93 dated 09.05.2020 u/s 498-A 494 IPC PS Ajnala and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SSP, Amritsar(Rural). The complainant was not provided with the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 31.12.2020.

The case last came up for hearing on 05.05.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. Both the parties were absent.

The PIO was directed to re-look at the RTI application and send a point-wise reply to the complainant with a copy to the Commission.

Hearing dated 27.07.2021:

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

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The complainant is absent on the 2nd consecutive occasion without any specific reasons for the absence.

The case is **disposed of and closed** for non-pursuance of the complaint by the complainant.

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Chandigarh Dated 27.07.2021 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner