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Sh D.C Gupta, # 778, Urban Estate, Phase-1, Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director,
Social Security & Development of Women & children,
Pb, SCO-102-103, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Social Security & Development of Women & children, Pb, SCO-102-103, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

... Appellant

Appeal Case No. 483 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 23.07.2020 has sought information regarding a copy of the investigation report submitted to the Punjab Govt. by the Investigation team on an old age pension scam – district-wise number of persons who fraudulently drew old age pension and the amount involved – the name of the officer involved in the scam – action taken against officials as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Director of Social Security and Development of Women & Children, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not satisfied with the information provided by the PIO vide letter dated 25.08.2020 after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 28.09.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala. Both the parties are absent.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **17.08.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala. The PIO to appear through VC at DAC Mohali.

Chandigarh Dated :28.06.2021

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Sh. Karnail Singh, S/o Sh Chhanga Singh, New Azad Nagar, Ferozepur City.

... Complainant

Public Information Officer, O/o Tehsildar, Mamdot,

Distt Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 114 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Karnail Singh as the Complainant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 26.11.2020 has sought information regarding the name of officers present during demarcation of the land of village Lakha Singh Wala bearing khewat No.393 by revenue department on 07.08.2020 relating to unauthorized mining – a copy of rule under which patwari signed the demarcation report and submitted to Mining Officer Ferozepur – a copy of demarcation report of village Lakha Singh Wala from 01.01.2020 to 01.11.2020 along with maps – a copy of movement register - name & address of the owners of land present during demarcation and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Tehsildar Mamdot, Distt. Ferozepur. The complainant was not provided with the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 15.01.2021.

Versus

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The complainant claims that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent is absent without any legitimate reasons for the absence. There is an enormous delay of more than seven months in attending to the RTI application since there is no evidence on the file which shows that the Tehsildar has responded to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to **show cause that why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time as well as for willful 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 persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The PIO-Tehsildar, Mamdot is again directed to provide whatever information is available on record.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **25.08.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

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Sh. Karnail Singh, S/o Sh Chhanga Singh, New Azad Nagar, Ferozepur City.

... Complainant

Public Information Officer,

O/o Naib Tehsildar, Mamdot, Distt Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 113 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Karnail Singh as the Complainant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through the RTI application dated 02.12.2020 has sought information regarding action taken on the application dated 26.02.2020(Diary No.421 dt.27.02.2020) relating to providing false documents – present status of the application and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Naib Tehsildar, Mamdot Distt.Ferozepur. The complainant was not provided with the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 15.01.2021.

Versus

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The appellant informed that he had filed an RTI application with the office of SDM(Civil)Ferozepur which transferred the same to Naib Tehsildar, Mamdot on 09.12.2020 but the Naib Tehsildar has not provided any information.

The respondent is absent without any legitimate reasons for the absence. There is an enormous delay of more than six months in attending to the RTI application since there is no evidence on the file which shows that the Naib Tehsildar has responded to the RTI application transferred by SDM Ferozepur on 09.12.2020. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to show cause that why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time as well as for willful 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 persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The PIO-Naib Tehsildar, Mamdot is again directed to provide whatever information exists in the record and action taken on the complaint of the appellant.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **25.08.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

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

... Appellant

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

Appeal Case No. 740 of 2021

Versus

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

None 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 Jun e 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 has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. Both the parties are absent.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **25.08.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

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... Appellant

Sh. Mahinder Singh, S/o. Sh Jagir Singh, R/o Village Baaj Singh Wala, Dakhli Talli Saida Sahoo, Tehsil & Distt Ferozepur.

Versus

Public Information Officer.

O/o Tehsildar, Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o SDM,

Ferozepur. ...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 521 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 23.09.2020 has sought information regarding the assessment of compensation provided in the year 2019 for the year 2016-17 and 2017-18 by Patwar Circle Masteke and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of DC Ferozepur which transferred the RTI application to Tehsildar Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 24.10.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 31.03.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. As per counsel for the appellant, the PIO asked the appellant to specify the information whereas the appellant wanted the entire record.

The respondent was absent.

The PIO was directed to provide information to the appellant as per the RTI application and send a compliance report to the commission.

Hearing dated 28.06.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. Both the parties are absent.

Earlier order stands.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observes that there has been an enormous delay of more than nine months in providing the information and the respondent is absent on 2nd consecutive hearing nor has complied with the order of the Commission. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to **show cause that why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time as well as for willful 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 persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.**

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The PIO-Tehsildar, Ferozepur is again directed to provide the information within ten days of the receipt of the order and send a compliance report to the Commission.

To come up for further hearing on **25.08.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

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Sh. Jasveer Singh, S/o Sh. Joginder Singh, R/o Village Megha Pani 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

Mrs Tejinder Pal Kaur, Jr Assistant 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 panchavats 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.

Hearing dated 28.06.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The respondent has brought the remaining information.

The appellant is absent. The respondent is directed to send complete information to the appellant through the registered post within a week with a copy to the Commission.

To come up for compliance on 25.08.2021 at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

Chandigarh Dated: 28.06.2021