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Sh Prem Kumar Rattan, H o-78/8, Park Road, new Mandi, Dhuri, DisttSangrur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o ADGP, (NRI Wing), Phase-7, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority, O/o ADGP, (NRI Wing), Phase-7, Mohali.

...Respondent

Appeal Cases No. 1493/2019, 1498/2019,3492/2019 &3493/2019

PRESENT: Sh.Prem Kumar Rattan as the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was first heard on **09.07.2019**. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that he had sought information regarding any communication, letters issued and reply received; during the enquiry on the complaint UID No. 1293408 dated 15.03.2018.

Hearing both the parties, the appellant was directed to inspect the record relating to complaint No.1293408 as per date and time fixed (i.e. 12.07.2019 at 12.00 Noon) and get the relevant information. The PIO was directed to allow inspection to the appellant and provide the relevant information. The PIO was also directed to send appropriate reply on point-3 (communication of the DGP) of the RTI application.

During the hearing, it came to the notice of the Commission that the appellant had filed another similar appeal case No.1498/2019 seeking exactly the same information as sought in appeal case No.1493/2019. Both the appeal cases were clubbed together.

The case was last heard on **23.10.2019.** The appellant pleaded that as per order of the Commission, he visited the office of PIO on 12.07.2019 and met Ms Veepal Kaur, Inspector NRI Wing and identified the relevant information which she assured to provide within 2-3 days. However, the PIO has yet not supplied the information.

One last opportunity was granted to the PIO and the PIO was directed to provide the information within two weeks from the issue of the order, otherwise the Commission will be constrained to take action as per provisions of the RTI Act.

Hearing dated 29.01.2020:

The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent is absent.

Further two more appeal cases No.3492/2019 and 3493/2019 – Prem Kumar V/s ADGP,NRI Wing have been transferred to this bench for clubbing with the present appeal cases of 1493/2019 & 1493/2019.

Appeal Cases No. 1493/2019, 1498/2019,3492/2019 &3493/2019

The said cases were last heard by the bench of State Information Commissioner Sh.Asit Jolly on 20.11.2019 wherein Ms.Veerpal Kaur, Inspector appeared and informed that the requested information was offered to the appellant but he refused to accept it and insisted that he would only receive it at the hearing in the Commission. The respondent PIO also submitted an attested copy of the information which she stated is common to appeal cases 3492/2019 and 3493/2019 as well as AC-1493/2019 & 1498/2019.

Since the information sought by the appellant in all four cases relates to the office of ADGP NRI Wing, all these four cases are clubbed together and the PIO O/o ADGP-NRI Wing is directed to provide information in all cases before the next date of hearing otherwise the Commission will be constrained to issue show cause under section 20 of the RTI Act.

To come up for compliance on 16.03.2020 at 01.00 PM.

Chandigarh Dated:29.01.2020 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

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Sh Prem Kumar Rattan, H NO-78/8, Park Road, New Mandi, Dhuri, Distt Sangrur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SSP, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority, O/o SSP, Patiala.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1903 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Prem Kumar Rattan as the Appellant

Sh.Sukhbahal Singh, HC for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 04.03.2019 has sought information regarding documents required for going back to his country by an NRI Sh.Bharti Jaspal who visited India and got his registration for Indian citizenship but due to some family dispute and order of the court, could not get Indian citizenship and other information concerning the office of SSP Patiala. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 04.04.2019, which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was last heard on 17.10.2019. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been supplied to the appellant. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that the PIO has not provided the meaning of AFROO and exact website of the department.

Hearing both the parties, the Commission observed that merely mentioning AFRRO does not suffice the complete address of the office and secondly the website provided to the appellant does not sufficiently respond to the query raised by the appellant. The PIO was directed to elaborate and clarify the discrepancy of the appellant by fixing a mutually convenient date and time. The appellant be informed for the date and time on his mobile No.98722-20039 in advance.

Hearing dated 29.01.2020:

The respondent has brought the information and handed over to the appellant. The appellant has received the same.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed.**

Chandigarh
Dated 29.01.2020

Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

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Sh.Jasbir Singh,

Village Bolapur, Jhabewal,

PO Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Environment Er.
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Regional Office,II, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Pollution Control Board,

Patiala ...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2079 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Jasbir Singh as the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 22.03.2019 has sought information on points regarding fulfillment of conditions of pollution control board by M/s Asian Drug Store Ludhiana alongwith NOC obtained by the firm and other information concerning the office of Environment Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 26.04.2019, which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was last heard on 22.10.2019. The respondent was absent. Having gone through the file, the Commission observed that the appellant had filed RTI application with O/o Environment Engineer, Pollution Control Board, Regional Office-II, Ludhiana which transferred it to the Regional Office-III Ludhiana. There was an enormous delay in attending to the RTI application. The appellant was also absent nor had communicated whether he has received the information or not.

The Commission directed the PIO-Pollution Control Board, Regional Office-II, Ludhiana to provide the information to the appellant as per the RTI application within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

Hearing dated 29.10.2020:

The respondent is absent. The appellant is present and informed that he has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated 29.01.2020

Sd/(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

Note:Sh.Vipan Kumar, AEE appeared late and he was informed the status of the case.

CC to PIO-Environment Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Regional Office-II, Ludhiana