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Sh Tejinder Singh S/o Sh Balbir Singh, Village Nonitpur, P.O Baria Kalan, Distt Hoshiarpur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Mahilpur, Distt Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o BDPO, Mahilpur, Distt Hoshiarpur.

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No. 88 of 2022

# PRESENT: Sh.Tejinder Singh the Appellant Sh.Mohit Kumar, APIO for the Respondent

## ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 28.09.2021 has sought information regarding a copy of the reply of the Sarpanch of village Nonitpur against letter No.1351 dated 09.06.2021 – a copy of the notice issued to the sarpanch to visit the office and further instructions issued to sarpanch for starting work of pond – a copy of the instructions issued to sarpanch calling him to office – work done for village pond after the issuance of instructions from the office of BDPO Mahilpur, Distt.Hoshiarpur. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the first appellate authority on 30.10.2021 which did not decide on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Hoshiarpur. As per the appellant, the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent has brought nothing. The respondent however informed that he has just joined as APIO and assured to provide information within a week.

There has been an enormous delay of more than nine months in attending to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to show cause 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. 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. The PIO is also directed to inform the details of PIOs(Name of PIO- Period of stay – Present posting) from the date of filing of the RTI application.

The PIO is again directed to provide information to the appellant within a week and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **25.07.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Hoshiarpur.

Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh Dated: 29.06.2022

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Smt.Gurmeet Kaur w/o late Sh.Ram Kumar, R/o Village Barwala, Sub-Tehsil Sahnewal, P.O.Hiran, Distt.Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Child Development Project Officer, Social Welfare Complex, Shimlapuri Near Gill Canal, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Child Development Project Officer, Social Welfare Complex, Shimlapuri Near Gill Canal, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No.4257 of 2021

# PRESENT: None for the Appellant Smt.Bhupinder Kaur CDPO for the Respondent

## ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 12.05.2021 has sought information on 06 points regarding documents attached by Sukhminder Kaur of village Barwala relating to her promotion – notification relating to promotion of Aanganwari helpers – qualification and experience required – report submitted by the supervisor for promotion of Aanganwari workers and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Child Development Project Officer, Social Welfare Complex, Shimlapuri Near Gill Canal, Ludhiana. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 12.06.2021 after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 14.07.2021 which took no decision of the appeal.

The case was first heard on 28.02.2022. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not supplied the complete information.

The respondent present pleaded that the information has already been provided except point-1 which is the personal information of the employee, and it cannot be provided.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the respondent was directed to send information on point-1 to the Commission in a sealed cover, the decision on the same will be taken on the next date of hearing.

#### Hearing dated 29.06.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present reiterated its earlier plea that the information has already been provided except point-1 which is the personal information of the employee, and it cannot be provided.

The PIO has sent a copy of information relating to point-1 received in the Commission on 08.03.2022 which has been taken on record.

The appellant is absent on 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing to pursue the case nor is represented.

The appellant is given one last opportunity to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing to pursue her case otherwise the case will be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **20.09.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Chandigarh Dated: 29.06.2022 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner