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Sh. Jasbir Singh, S/o Sh. Harbans Singh, R/o Village Jalal Khera, P.O Sular, Distt. Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o DFSO, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, O/o DFSO, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

... Appellant

Appeal Case No. 179 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Sudhanshu Inspector for the Respondent

ORDER:

That the appellant through an RTI application dated 30.09.2020 has sought information regarding depot holder block No.133 Ashok Nagar Ludhiana – details of wheat, pulses and other items received relating to BPL/APL/Blue cards – a copy of licenses of depot holders of Ashok Nagar copy of entry register of APL/BPL card holders – list of APL/BPL cardholders and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of DFSO Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 05.11.2020, which did not decide on the appeal.

That the case has already been heard on 13.05.2021, 17.08.2021, 09.11.2021, 16.03.2021, 09.05.2022 & 02.08.2022.

That on the date of the hearing on **09.11.2021**, the appellant informed that the PIO has not supplied the information despite the order of the Commission.

The respondent was absent on 3rd consecutive hearing nor was represented as well as not provided the information. There has been an enormous delay of more than one year in providing the information. The PIO was issued a **show cause notice under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file an affidavit in this regard.** The PIO was again directed to provide information to the appellant within 10 days of the receipt of the order.

That on the date of the last hearing on 16.03.2022, the respondent was absent on the 4th consecutive hearing nor had filed a reply to the show-cause notice as well as not appearing before the Commission. To secure an erring PIO"s presence before the commission, a bailable Warrant of the PIO-O/o District Food Supply Officer, Ludhiana was issued under section 18(3) of the RTI Act through Senior Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana for his presence before the Commission on **09.05.2022.**

That on the date of hearing on **09.05.2022.** Sh.Sudhanshu Inspector and Smt.Damanjeet Kaur, AFSO were present and submitted a reply from the PIO which was taken on record. In the reply, it had been mentioned that they tried to contact the appellant via his mobile many times but he could not be contacted. Further, the information was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 05.04.2022 through the registered post but the same has been received back undelivered.

The appellant was absent and vide email had sought exemption due to illness.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observed that there was nothing on record which showed that the RTI had been attended to within the prescribed time and the information, if any, had been sent to the appellant. The reply of the PIO was not satisfactory since the PIO was making lame excuses and had never been present at any of the hearings despite various notices of the Commission and had appeared only after the issuance of a bailable warrant.

Hence, given the above facts a penalty of **Rs.10,000/-** was imposed on the PIO-DFSO Ludhiana with the direction to submit a copy of the challan as evidence of depositing the penalty in the Govt Treasury.

Further, the PIO- DFSO Ludhiana was directed to pay an amount of **Rs.2500/-** via demand draft through Govt. Treasury as compensation to the appellant for the loss and detriment suffered by him of having to file the appeals and not getting information in time.

On the date of the last hearing on **02.08.2022**, both parties were absent. However, after the court was over, Sh.Sudhanshu, Inspector, informed that the penalty of Rs.10000/- has been deposited in the Govt treasuty and compensation has been paid to the appellant. However, no copy of challan/demand draft was received in the Commission. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 29.08.2022:

The case has come for hearing today. The respondent Sh.Sudhanshu is present at Ludhiana and informed that the penalty amount has been deposited in the Govt treasury, and compensation has been paid to the appellant via demand draft. The PIO has sent a copy of challan dated 08.03.2022 and a copy of the demand draft dated 08.08.2022 as proof of having deposited the penalty amount in the govt treasury and paid the compensation to the appellant.

The appellant is absent nor is represented.

Since the penalty has been deposited and the compensation has been paid to the appellant, no further course of action is required.

The case is **disposed of and closed.**

Chandigarh Dated 29.08.2022 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

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Sh Manjeet Singh, S/o Sh. Gurjant Singh, Malan Colony, Ward NO-2, Street No-1, Gidderbaha, Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Deptt of Social Security & Development of Women & Child, Sector- 34-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate authority, O/o Deptt of Social Security & Development of Women & Child, Sector- 34-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 600 of 2022

PRESENT: Sh.Manjeet Singh as for the Appellant

Mrs. Harpreet Kaur, Sr. Assistant for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 06.11.2021 has sought information regarding the reasons for not implementation of Punjab Govt. Letter No.1/55/2016-RS2/903710/1 to fill the vacant posts against Advertisement No.03/2016 result declared on 02.11.2021 – whether marks of additional subject had been given or not and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the Department of Social Security & Development of Women & children, Punjab, Chandigarh. The PIO did supply the information to the appellant after which t,he appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 17.12.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

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

The respondent present pleaded that the information on point-1 has already been provided to the appellant and the information on point-2 has to be provided by the Subordinate Services Selection Board, Pb, since the recruitment process is being taken care of by the SSS Board and only list of selected candidates is provided to the concerned department.

Hearing both the parties, the case is marked to the Secretary-Subordinate Service Selection Board, Punjab, Sector 68, Mohali, with the direction to look at the RTI application and provide the requisite information. A copy of the RTI application is being attached with the order for Secretary-SSS Board, Pb.

With the above order, the case is **disposed of and closed.**

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CC to Secretary, Subordinate Service Selection Board, Pb Forest Complex, Sector 68, Mohali.

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Sh Hakam Singh, S/o Sh Darshan Singh, R/o Madhir, Tehsil Gidderbaha, Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o District Controller, Food & Civil Supplis Consumer Affairs, Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

First Appellate authority, O/o Director, Food & Civil Supplies Consumer Affairs, Sector-39-C, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1087 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Surinder Singh, Inspector for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 25.10.2021 has sought a copy of the transportation bills submitted to FCI by warehouses, Punsup, Markfed, during the paddy season 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 – a copy of the final report reg. The first change of linking during 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 – the name and designation of district manager and dealing hand on duty during the above mentioned period and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the District Food Civil Supply & Controller, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 13.12.2021 which took no decision on the appeal. After filing first appeal, the PIO sent a reply/information vide letter dated 05.01.2022 to the appellant, but the appellant was dissatisfied with the information and filed 2nd appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC, Sri Muktsar Sahib. The respondent present pleaded that the information (55 pages) concerning Pungrain has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 17.05.2021 and 05.01.2022. The respondent further informed that the information (5 pages) relating to Markfed agency has also been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 08.06.2022. The information relating to other agencies is not in their custody, and the appellant may get the information from the concerned authorities directly.

The appellant is absent nor is represented.

Since the PIO has already provided the information which is in their custody, the appellant is advised to file separate RTI applications with the other agencies.

With the above observation and order, the case is disposed of and closed.

Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh Dated 29.08.2022

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Sh Sanpreet Singh, S/o Sh Hakam Singh, R/o Madhir, Tehisl Gidderbaha, Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o CDPO, Gidderbaha, Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

First Appellate authority, O/o District Social Security Officer, Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 896 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh. Shamsher Singh, Sr. Assistant O/o CDPO Gidderbaha for the

Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 10.11.2021 has sought the list of beneficiaries under old age and widow pension in village Babnian during 01.01.2017 to 08.11.2021 – list of beneficiaries whose pension was discontinued – a copy of govt. instructions for issuance of pensions copy of forms verified for the issuance of pensions and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the Social Welfare Officer, Sri Muktsar Sahib. The PIO sent a reply/information vide letter dated 16.11.2021 to the appellant but the appellant was dissatisfied with the information, after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 04.01.2022, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC, Sri Muktsar Sahib. The respondent present pleaded that the information relating to points 1 to 3 has already been provided and the information regarding point-4 & 5 being personal information, it cannot be provided.

The Commission has received a reply from the office of DSSO Sri Mukatsar Sahib dated 22.08.2022 stating that the information regarding points 1 to 3 was supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 16.11.2021 and since the information regarding point-4 related to the office of CDPO Giddarbaha, the RTI application was transferred to them u/s 6(3) on 16.11.2021.

The Commission has also received a reply through email from the office of CDPO Gidderbaha (dated 23.08.2022) alongwith an attached format of the Old Age Pension Application form, explaining, that the information relating to point-4 being personal information cannot be provided.

The appellant is absent nor represented.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply of the PIO, the Commission is in agreement with the reply of the PIO and finds that information regarding point-4 is personal information since it includes addresses, aadhar numbers, bank account numbers/mobile numbers and property details etc. of the beneficiaries,, hence it cannot be provided.

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Remaining information stands provided.

Since the RTI application has been sufficiently replied to and the information has been provided to the best possible extent, no further course of action is required. The case is disposed of and closed.

Chandigarh Dated 29.08.2022 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

CCto :PIO-District Social Security Officer, Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

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Sh. Hansa Singh, S/o Sh Maachhi Singh, R/o village Shamshabad, Teshil & Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o MD, PUNSUP, SCO-36-40, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate authority, O/o MD, PUNSUP, SCO-36-40, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 784 of 2022

PRESENT: Sh.Hansa Singh as the Appellant

Sh.Amandeep Singh, Sr.Auditor and Sh.Manoj Kumar, Sr.Asstt. for the

Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 19.05.2021, has sought copies of letters dated 21.06.2019, 20.07.2019,09.07.20219,29.08.2019,26.12.2019, 24.01.2020, 17.08.2020,08.09.2020, 09.04.2021, 27.04.2021 & 10.05.2021 submitted by the appellant & his family, alongwith action taken thereon and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the Managing Director, PUNSUP, Chandigarh. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 02.07.2021 after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 15.07.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The respondent present pleaded that since the matter relates to the departmental proceedings Feroz(446), Feroz377), and Feroz(377-A) pending against the appellant in which losses of crores of rupees are involved. As per the respondent, a final decision regarding departmental proceedings is still pending and the sought information cannot be provided as it contains the names and addresses of witnesses who can be influenced if their statements are revealed. As per the respondent, and a reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 02.07.2021. The respondent further informed that various FIRs are pending against the appellant under IPC 420 and 406 at PS Guru Harsahai for causing loss to the public exchequer amounting to Rs.3 crores.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply of the PIO, the Commission finds that the RTI application has been sufficiently replied to, and no further interference from the Commission is required.

The case is **disposed of and closed.**

Chandigarh Dated 29.08.2022 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

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Sh Gurjeet Singh, S/o Sh Ajeet Singh, Village Pali Wala, P.O Mandi Amin Ganj, Village Paliwala(220), Fazilka.

Versus

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Vice Chancellor, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Addl. Dy. Commissioner, Faridkot.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1080 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 13.11.2021 has sought a copy of the OMR sheet/answer book/answer key of the exam given by ward attendant under Roll No. 422017 working at Govt. Senior Secondary School(Girls), Makhu, district Ferozepur, against the advertisement dated 04.08.2020 of Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the Vice-chancellor, BFUHS, Faridkot. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 13.12.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC, Fazilka/Faridkot. The respondent is absent.

The Commission has received a letter from the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot, with an attached copy of a letter dated 18.07.2022 (From the PIO-Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot) that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 18.07.2022 with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant is absent nor represented.

Having gone through the RTI application and the copy of the information received from the PIO, the Commission finds that the RTI application has been sufficiently replied to and no further interference from the Commission is required. A copy of the information received from the PIO is being sent to the appellant alongwith the order.

The case is disposed of and closed.

Chandigarh Dated 29.08.2022 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

CC to PIO-Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

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Sh Tarun Wadhwa, S/o Sh Vijay Kumar, R/o D/1598, Chawla Street, Adarsh Nagar, Tehsil & Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Civil Surgeon, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Civil Surgeon, Fazilka.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1062 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Dr.Babita O/o Civil Surgeon, Fazilka for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 20.09.2021 has sought information relating to Puneet Sharma, FSO transferred from Fazilka and now posted at Patiala - address/building/floor of office allotted by the department during the said FSO's transfer at Fazilka – no. of cameras installed in the office of the FSO – all copies of attendance sheet – name and designation of the employee in whose custody the attendance register was and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the Civil Surgeon, Food Safety Branch, Fazilka. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 16.11.2021, which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC, Fazilka. The respondent present pleaded that the information on points a,b & e has been provided, and the information regarding points c & d being personal information of the employees, cannot be provided.

The appellant is absent and, vide email, has sought adjournment due to some personal reason.

No adjournment is allowed, as the appellant should have assured representation at the hearing.

The case is **closed**.

Chandigarh Dated 29.08.2022 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner