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Sh. Hardeep Singh, S/o Sh.Tarsem Lal, R/o Village Nupur, Tehsil Banga, Distt. SBS Nagar

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o SE, PSPCL, Sub Division-2, SBS Nagar, Nawanshahr..

First Appellate Authority, O/o SE, PSPCL, SBS Nagar, Nawanshahar.

...Respondent

A ppeal Case .No. 4560 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Hardeep Singh as the Complainant

Sh.lqbal Singh, SDO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was first heard through a video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner Nawanshahar. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the complete information and the information that has been provided was not legible. The respondent present pleaded that the available information has been provided and since the record being very old, was not traceable, the remaining information cannot be provided.

The PIO was directed to conduct an enquiry and submit a complete enquiry report which establishes that the record is missing, FIR has been lodged and suitable action has been taken as per the procedure of the department against the person under whose custody the record was found missing. The PIO was also directed to provide legible and certified copies of the information to the appellant.

On the date of the next hearing on **18.08.2020**, the respondent present informed that they have conducted enquiry regarding the untraceable record and have written to the higher authority for fixing the responsibility of the person under whose custody the record was found. The PIO was directed to send a complete enquiry report which establishes that the record is missing, FIR has been lodged and suitable action has been taken as per the procedure of the department against the person under whose custody the record was found missing.

On the date of the hearing on 23.09.2020, the respondent pleaded that complete information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant was not satisfied with the information regarding points 12 & 22.

Regarding point 12, the respondent informed that no notices were issued and regarding point-22, the electric supply was disconnected at the request of the appellant.

The PIO was directed to remove the discrepancy and reply to both the points on an affidavit.

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On the date of the last hearing on **15.03.2021**, the respondent present pleaded that in compliance with the order of the Commission, an affidavit has been provided to the appellant and the appellant has received the same.

With the above, the information stands provided. However, the respondent had not submitted an enquiry report regarding the untraceable record. The PIO was directed to send the enquiry report regarding the missing records to the Commission within 30 days of the receipt of the order.

Hearing dated 30.06.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Nawanshahar. The respondent present informed that in compliance with the order of the Commission, the enquiry report regarding missing records has been sent to the commission. The Commission has received a copy of the enquiry report on 13.05.2021 which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

The PIO has, however, not sent any action taken report on the enquiry report. The respondent informed that they are taking suitable action against the person responsible for the missing record and a charge sheet has been issued.

The PIO is directed to send the action taken report on the enquiry report along with a copy of the charge sheet to the Commission.

The appellant is present and pleaded that the letter number 7679 dated 21.09.2020 as mentioned in the affidavit, vide which the PIO claims to have sent information, does not relate to the information as sought in point-12 of the RTI application since he has sought information regarding notices issued for discontinuation of electric connection in the year 2014, 2015 & 2016.

As per the respondent, no separate notices are issued and the procedure is mentioned in the electricity bill sent from time to time.

The PIO is directed to clarify the above about point-12 (as discussed during the hearing) and send a revised affidavit to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **01.09.2021 at 11.00 AM** through a video conferencing facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, **Nawanshahar**.

Chandigarh Dated 30.06.2020 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner