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Sh.Deven Munjal,  
Ward No-19, Street NO-4, Roop Nagar,  
Gidderbaha, Distt. Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

...Appellant

Versus

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

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o SDM, Gidderbaha,  
Distt. Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1227 of 2019**

**PRESENT: None for the Appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

This order should be read in continuation to the earlier order.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Sri Mukatsar Sahib. The appellant is absent and vide email has sought exemption. The appellant in the said email has further informed that the PIO has not supplied the revised affidavit as per the previous order of the Commission.

The respondent is absent and vide email has sought exemption stating that he has been deputed as ARO-2 for the Vidhan Sabha Election 2022 scheduled to be held in Feb.2022. The PIO has further mentioned that they have sent a revised affidavit to the appellant on 31.01.2022.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing **13.04.2022 at 11.00 AM** through a video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, **Sri Mukatsar Sahib.**

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:31.01.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Sh Arun Gupta,  
H NO-B-XI/162, Backside Nirankari Bhawan,  
Barnala.

... Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Health & Family Welfare Deptt,  
Pb, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 494 of 2021**

**PRESENT: Sh.Arun Gupta for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Sandeep Kumar, Suptd.-cum-PIO for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The complainant through an RTI application dated 28.12.2020 has sought information regarding the appointment of laboratory technical grade-2(98 posts) through BFUHS from Aug 2020 till date – total number of posts advertised – total posts reserved for Gen(EWS) category according to notification – clarification regarding less number of posts advertised- a copy of diploma/degree certificate, experience and EWS certificate of candidates appeared in counselling – unfilled posts –backlog of gen(EWS) and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Health and Family Welfare, Pb Chandigarh. The complainant was not provided with the information provided after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 20.04.2021.

The case first came up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Barnala/Mohali. As per the respondent present from the Establishment branch-7, O/o Health & Family Welfare, they received the RTI application on 06.09.2021 and the information has been provided to the complainant vide letter dated 22.09.2021.

The complainant claimed that he received the information only on 06.10.2021, which was also incomplete.

However, as per the letter received in the Commission on 09.09.2021 from Dy. Director (RTI) O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, the RTI was transferred to PIO-cum-Supt.(Establishment-7) vide letter dated 15.01.2021.

Since as per the letter of Dy. Director, the RTI application was transferred to PIO-Suptd. Establishment-7 on 15.01.2021 but the information was only provided on 22.09.2021, there has been a delay of more than eight months in attending the RTI application, the PIO-Superintendent (Establishment Branch-7) O/o Department of Health & Family Welfare was issued a **show-cause notice under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file reply on an affidavit.**

However, since the appellant had filed a complaint case and not gone to the First Appellate Authority; to hear the appellant's contention regarding incomplete information the case was remanded back to the First Appellate Authority with the direction to consider this as an appeal case and dispose of the same within a period of 30 days as per RTI Act.

**Complaint Case No. 494 of 2021**

**Hearing dated 31.01.2022:**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Barnala. The respondent present pleaded that the remaining information has also been provided to the complainant vide letter dated 09.12.2021 except information on point-d which is a 3<sup>rd</sup> party information.

The PIO has however not filed a reply to the show-cause notice. The PIO is given one last opportunity to file a reply to the show-cause notice otherwise it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in the matter and the decision will be taken as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **16.03.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Barnala. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 31.01.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg,  
C/o Police Public Dairy,  
Sector-15-A, Shastri Nagar,  
Model Town, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o XEN, Water supply and Sanitation,  
Division-1, Roopnagar,  
Anandpur Sahib,

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o SE, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,  
SCO-44-45, Ground Floor, Phase-2,  
SAS Nagar, Mohali.

... Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2429 of 2020**

**PRESENT: Sh.Nitin Kumar Garg for the appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER: Facts of the case:-**

That appellant through the RTI application dated 30.01.2020 has sought information regarding a copy of the sanction letter/like sports quotation issued for the work of CSR to all SDE in the division from 01.01.2019 to 31.01.2020 from the Xen Water Supply & Sanitation Division. No.1, Rupnagar Anandpur Sahib. The appellant was not provided with the information after the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 01.06.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

That the case was first heard on 10.02.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. The appellant claimed that despite depositing the requisite fee of Rs.800/- as asked for by the PIO, the information has not been provided.

The respondent brought the information. The PIO was directed to send information to the appellant through a registered post within a week.

That on the date of hearing on **17.05.2021**, the appellant was absent and vide letter received in the Commission on 05.03.2021 informed that even depositing the requisite fee of Rs.800/- on 08.03.2020 as raised by the PIO vide letter dated 19.02.2020 for 400 pages, the PIO has sent only 22 pages and has not provided the complete information.

The respondent was absent. From the letter of the appellant, there appeared to be a mismatch between the fee raised by the PIO and the information that had been finally provided.

The PIO was directed to file a suitable reply, otherwise, the Commission will be constrained to proceed as per provisions of section 20 of the RTI Act.

That on the date of hearing on **24.08.2021**, the appellant informed that he has received some information on 05.03.2021 but the information is incomplete and not as per the fee raised by the PIO.

## Appeal Case No. 2429 of 2020

The respondent was absent nor had sent any reply. Due to a delay of more than one year in providing the information as well as a mismatch between the fee raised by the PIO and the information that had been provided, (PIO raised Rs.800/- for 400 pages but sent only 22 pages of information), the PIO was issued a **show-cause notice under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time as well as raising excess fee than the actual information provided and directed to file reply on an affidavit.**

That on the date of last hearing on **11.10.2021**, the respondent was absent nor had filed a reply to the show-cause notice. The PIO was given one last opportunity to file a reply to the show-cause notice and appear before the Commissioner personally on the next date of hearing. The PIO to also give details;

- Who was the PIO at the time of filing of RTI application?
- Who was the PIO who raised the fee and sent the information?
- Who was the PIO when the show cause notice was issued?
- Who is the current PIO?

That the case has come up for **hearing today** through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/ Mohali. The appellant informed that the PIO has not supplied the complete information as per the fee raised despite the order of the Commission.

The responsibility to ensure the timely transmission of the information to the appellant lies on the PIO. As per information, Sh.Michel was the PIO when the RTI application was filed (from 30.01.2020 till 20.10.2020), now posted at Mohali and Sh.Harjitpal Singh has been the PIO from 20.10.2020 till date and when the show cause was issued.

In this case, the Commission concludes that there are two PIOs involved in causing the delay in providing the information.

- a) Sh.Michal was the PIO when the RTI application was filed ((from 30.01.2020 till 20.10.2020) who raised the fee of Rs.800/- for 400 pages vide letter dated 19.02.2020 and even depositing the fee of Rs.800/-by the appellant, the PIO supplied only 22 pages. Hence the PIO violated section 7(3)(a) of the RTI Act. Sh.Michal(earlier Xen-cum-PIO, Water Supply & Sanitation Division-1, Roopnagar at Anandpur Sahib is hereby **show caused under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for the arbitrary raising of fees, as well as non supplying of the information within the statutorily prescribed time as prescribed under section 7 of the RTI Act. and directed to file a reply on an affidavit.**
- b) Sh.Harjitpal Singh has been the PIO for a maximum period (from 20.10.2020 till date) and constantly violating the order of the Commission to provide complete information as well as not responding to the show cause notice issued to him on 24.08.2021. It appears that Sh.Harjitpal Singh has nothing to say on the matter.

From the facts, it is clear that Sh.Harjitpal Singh, Xen-cum-PIO Water supply and Sanitation, Division-1, Roopnagar at Anandpur Sahib is responsible for the delay and not providing the complete information to the appellant and continuous non-appearance at the hearings.

Hence, given the above facts a penalty of **Rs.10,000/-** is imposed on Sh.Harjitpal Singh, Xen-cum-PIO Water supply and Sanitation, Division-1, Roopnagar at Anandpur Sahib which will be deposited in the Govt. Treasury. The PIO is directed to duly inform the Commission about the compliance of the orders by producing a copy of the challan as evidence of depositing the penalty in the Govt Treasury.

Further, the Commission is of the view that since the appellant has had to suffer undue inconvenience to get the information, it is a fit case for awarding compensation to the appellant u/s 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act.

Hence the PIO- Water supply and Sanitation, Division-1, Roopnagar at Anandpur Sahib is directed to pay an amount of **Rs.2,500/-** 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. The PIO is directed to duly inform the commission of the compliance of the order and submit proof of having compensated the appellant.

To come up for further hearing on **21.03.2022 at 11.00 AM.** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:31.01.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**CC to Sh.Michal,**  
**O/o Department of Water Supply & Sanitation**  
**SCO-44-45, Ground Floor, Phase-2,**  
**SAS Nagar, Mohali**



Sh Vitin Puri, S/o Sh Pawan puri,  
Mahalla Ahluwalia, Near Mai Dhola Mandir,  
Khalwara Gate, Phagwara.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SMO, Civil Hospital,  
Sultanpur Lodhi.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Civil Surgeon,  
Kapurthala.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2413 of 2021**

**PRESENT: Sh.Vitin Puri as the Appellant**  
**Dr.Ravinderpal for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through an RTI application dated 12.12.2020 has sought information on 05 points regarding relieving of doctors from duty and if not compulsory, reasons thereof and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of SMO Civil Hospital, Sultanpur Lodhi. The appellant was not satisfied with the information provided by the PIO vide letter dated 14.01.2021 after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on dated Nil which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Kapurthala. The respondent present informed that the information has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 14.01.2021 except points 4 & 5 which comprise of personal of the officer and cannot be provided since the concerned officer has not given its consent to disclose the information.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the PIO is directed to send the sought documents ( point 4) in a sealed cover to the Commission.

Regarding point-5, the PIO is directed to inform the basic salary of the employee to the appellant.

To come up for further hearing on **15.03.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Kapurthala.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 31.01.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Sh Daljt Singh,  
Chamber nO-408, District Courts Ferozepur,  
R/o Village Basti Wakilan Wali,  
Tehsil & Distt Ferozepur.

... Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Civil Surgeon,  
Ferozepur.

...Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 819 of 2021**

**PRESENT:     None for the Appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The complainant through an RTI application dated 19.03.2021 has sought information regarding medicines and medical general products purchased from 01.01.2020 to 28.02.2021 – the name of supplier – availability at Head office or not – a copy of bills and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Civil Surgeon, Ferozepur. The complainant was not provided with the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 28.06.2021.

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 **06.04.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 31.01.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**





Smt Amarjeet Kaur W/o Sh Darshan Singh,  
Village Khanpur, P.O Patel Nagar,  
Distt Ferozepur..

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SSP,  
Ferozepur.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o IGP, Ferozepur Range,  
Ferozepur.

... Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3304 of 2021**

**PRESENT:     None for the Appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The complainant through an RTI application dated 13.07.2021 has sought information regarding a copy of roznamcha of police station Zira from 11 to 13 July 2021 – a copy of Register No.19 – CCTV recording dated 11.07.2021 at 05.00 AM to 2.00 PM and 12.07.2021 from 2 to 5 PM – logbook of vehicles – allowing inspection and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of SSP, Ferozepur. The complainant was not provided with the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 17.07.2021.

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

The Commission has received a reply of the PIO on 17.01.2022 which has been taken on the file of the Commission. In the reply, it has been mentioned that when the RTI was filed, the report of the concerned police station was not received and the reply was sent to the appellant on 21.07.2021. Thereafter, the concerned police station reported that since the enquiry in case No.62 dated 12.07.2021 against Sh. Paramjit Singh s/o Darshan Singh is pending, the information cannot be provided and the reply was again sent to the appellant vide letter dated 06.08.2021. The PIO has further mentioned that the CCTV footage is confidential information, it cannot be provided as per Central Information Commission decision dated 12.12.2006 and is exempt u/s 8(1)(j).

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **06.04.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 31.01.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Sh Hansa Singh, S/o Sh Machhi Singh,  
R/o Village Shamshabad,  
Tehsil & Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o District Manager,  
PUNSUP, Ferozepur.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o District Manager,  
PUNSUP, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3148 of 2021**

**PRESENT: Sh.Hansa Singh as the Appellant**  
**Sh.Surinder Kumar, PIO for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through an RTI application dated 05.04.2021 has sought information regarding draft note sent by PUNSUP Ferozepur to the Head office for issuing charge sheets to the employees due to crop loss in 2014-15 – the name of officials found responsible for the loss and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of District Manager, PUNSUP Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the first appellate authority on 17.05.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The respondent present informed that the information has been provided to the appellant.

The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information on point-3.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the PIO is directed to provide information on point-3 if it exists in the record. And if not, to file an appropriate reply on an affidavit.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **06.04.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 31.01.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Sh Hansa Singh, S/o Sh Machhi Singh,  
R/o Village Shamshabad,  
Tehsil & Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o District Manager,  
PUNSUP, Ferozepur.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o District Manager,  
PUNSUP, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3149 of 2021**

**PRESENT: Sh.Hansa Singh as the Appellant**  
**Sh.Surinder Kumar, PIO for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through an RTI application dated 25.03.2021 has sought information on 06 points copy of auction purchase, lifting and payment related report of all mandis for the year 2018-19 (01.10.2018 to 30.11.2018) – a copy of release order to M/s Sunrise Food Products Zira for paddy in 2018-19 – supply of paddy to M/s Sunrise Food Products from other mandis – a copy of receipts by concerned in charge and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of District Manager, PUNSUP Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the first appellate authority on 05.05.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The respondent present informed that the information has been provided to the appellant.

The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information on point-1 & 6.

As per the respondent, the information regarding point-1 is available online.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the PIO is directed to provide information on point-1 if it exists in the record. The PIO is also directed to provide information on point-6.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **06.04.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 31.01.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Sh Hansa Singh, S/o Sh Machhi Singh,  
R/o Village Shamshabad,  
Tehsil & Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o District Manager,  
PUNSUP, Ferozepur.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o District Manager,  
PUNSUP, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3159 of 2021**

**PRESENT: Sh.Hansa Singh as the Appellant**  
**Sh.Surinder Kumar, PIO for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through an RTI application dated 01.04.2021 has sought information regarding a copy of letters sent to the District Manager, PUNSUP with a copy to MD PUNSUP Chandigarh on 12.12.2015, 19.01.2016, 21.10.2016, 08.02.2016 & 02.03.2016 and action taken on these letters by Head office and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of District Manager, PUNSUP Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the first appellate authority on 05.05.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

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

As per the respondent, no such applications exists in their record.

The PIO is directed to file a suitable affidavit stating that the sought information is not available as per their records.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **06.04.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 31.01.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**