



Sh. Jasbir Singh,  
Village Bholapur, Jhabewal,  
P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
-Cum- Food Safety Officer,  
O/o Civil Surgeon, Pathankot.

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

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 778 of 2019**

**PRESENT:     None for the Appellant**  
**Ms.Rajni Rani, Food Safety Officer Pathankot for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The case was last heard on 19.06.2019. The respondent present pleaded that since there was no clarity about the information that was being sought, the appellant was asked vide letter dated 22.11.2018 & 11.01.2019 to clarify the information that he needed, which he did not.

Having gone through the RTI application, it was observed that the appellant had tried to seek information on the steps taken towards implementation of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005. Section 4 and its subsections pertain to the obligations of the Public Authorities, whereby, the public authorities create a system to maintain records, as well disseminate them suo-motto in easily accessible form, preferably electronic and the Internet, so that the public have minimum resort to use this Act to obtain information.

The Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration, Kharar and Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab were impleaded in this case to give a reply to this RTI query of appellant Jasbir Singh.

Also, as per powers vested Under Section 19(8)(a)(iii) of the RTI Act, the Commission directed the Department of Health & family Welfare to prepare a roadmap for implementation of the Section 4 of this Act and present it at the next date of hearing.

The PIO-cum-Food Safety Officer, Pathankot was also directed to provide any notification, order to act upon Section 4 of the RTI Act.

**Hearing dated 04.09.2019:**

The respondent present pleaded that there is no such notification available in their record and they have no website through which the people can obtain the information.

In the last hearing, the Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration, Kharar and Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab were directed to give a reply to this RTI query of the appellant Jasbir Singh. The Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab was directed to prepare a road map for implementation of section 4 of the RTI Act. None is present from both the departments.

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I hereby again direct the **Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration, Kharar** to reply on the status of implementation of section 4 and its sub-sections at all District Level Food Safety departments. The **Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab** is directed to prepare a road map for implementation of this section and creation of website for computerization of the record of food safety department as provided under section 4 of the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **03.12.2019 at 11.00 AM.**

Chandigarh  
Dated 04.09.2019

Sd/-  
(Khushwant Singh)  
State Information Commissioner

CC to : 1. PIO- Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration,  
Kharar  
2. Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.



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**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Civil Surgeon, Tarn Taran.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 779 of 2019**

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

**ORDER:**

The case was last heard on 19.06.2019. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information even after a period of seven months. The respondent was absent. The Commission directed the PIO to show **cause why penalty be not imposed on the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act 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 was directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission alongwith the written replies.

The PIO was again directed to provide complete information to the appellant within 15 days.

**Hearing dated 04.09.2019:**

Both the parties are absent. The earlier order stands. The PIO is given one more opportunity to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and be present on the next date of hearing otherwise the Commission will be constrained to take action as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned. Both the parties to be present on **03.12.2019 at 11.00 AM** for further hearing.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated 04.09.2019**

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O/o Civil Surgeon, Ferozepur.

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

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 780 of 2019**

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

**ORDER:**

The case was last heard on 19.06.2019. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent is absent.

Having gone through the RTI application, it was observed that the appellant has tried to seek information on the steps taken towards implementation of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005. Section 4 and its subsections pertain to the obligations of the Public Authorities, whereby, the public authorities create a system to maintain records, as well disseminate them suo-motto in easily accessible form, preferably electronic and the Internet, so that the public have minimum resort to use this Act to obtain information.

The Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration, Kharar and Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab were impleaded in this case to give a reply to this RTI query of appellant Jasbir Singh.

Also, as per powers vested Under Section 19(8)(a)(iii) of the RTI Act, the Commission directed the Department of Health & family Welfare to prepare a roadmap for implementation of the Section 4 of this Act and present it at the next date of hearing.

The PIO-O/o Civil Surgeon, Ferozepur was also directed to provide any notification, order to act upon Section 4 of the RTI Act.

**Hearing dated 04.09.2019:**

Both the parties are absent. The earlier order stands. The PIO is given one more opportunity to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and be present on the next date of hearing otherwise the Commission will be constrained to take action as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned. To come up on **03.12.2019 at 11.00 AM** for further hearing.

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**Punjab, Chandigarh.**



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

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 781 of 2019**

**PRESENT: None for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Simranjit Singh, Food Safety Officer for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The case was last heard on 19.06.2019. The respondent present pleaded that they have no manual data of information and the information is available on their website. Hearing both the parties, the Commission directed the PIO to provide a consolidated list of all manufacturing units to the appellant via email regarding point-1. The appellant was asked to provide email address. The appellant was also directed to get the information regarding points-2 & 3 from the website of the department.

**Hearing dated 04.09.2019:**

The respondent present has pleaded that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 02.09.2019 and a copy of the same is submitted to the Commission. The appellant is absent to point out the discrepancies.

I have seen the RTI application and the information provided by the respondent, and find that the information has been provided to the best possible extent.

No further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed**.

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**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Civil Surgeon, Fatehgarh Sahib.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 782 of 2019**

**PRESENT: None for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Gorav Kumar, Food Safety Officer for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The case was last heard on 19.06.2019. The respondent present pleaded that they have no separate record of information regarding point-1 and the information regarding points-2 & 3 is available on their website. Hearing both the parties, the Commission directed the PIO to provide a consolidated list of all manufacturing units to the appellant via email regarding point-1. The appellant was asked to provide email address. The appellant was also directed to get the information regarding points-2 & 3 from the website of the department.

**Hearing dated 04.09.2019:**

The respondent present has pleaded that the information has been sent to the appellant vide registered letter dated 31.07.2019 and a copy of the same is submitted to the Commission. The appellant is absent to point out the discrepancies.

I have seen the RTI application and the information provided by the respondent, and find that the information has been provided to the best possible extent.

No further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed**.

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O/o Civil Surgeon, Patiala.

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

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 783 of 2019**

**PRESENT: None for the Appellant**  
**Ms.Punit Sharma, Food Safety Officer for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The case was last heard on 19.06.2019. The respondent present pleaded that they have not registered any liquor dealer nor have issued any license and the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 15.01.2019. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that there are so many manufacturers, wholesale and retail outlets in the District and some-one must have applied for registration and issue of license and submitted documents.

After hearing both the parties, the PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information about the vendors who have applied for registration and issue of license.

**Hearing dated 04.09.2019:**

The respondent present pleaded that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 16.07.2019 and a copy submitted to the Commission. The respondent further informed that no license has been issued for manufacturing and selling of liquor under FSSAI. However, some of the liquor manufacturers have obtained central licenses, a copy of which has also been sent to the appellant.

The appellant is absent to point out the discrepancy, if any. I have seen the RTI application and the information provided by the PIO, and find that the RTI has been sufficiently replied and the information has been provided to the best possible extent.

No further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed.**

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O/o Civil Surgeon, Patiala.

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

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 784 of 2019**

**PRESENT: None for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Punit Sharma, Food Safety Officer for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The case was last heard on 19.06.2019. The respondent present pleaded that they have no separate record of information regarding point-1 and the information regarding points-2 & 3 is available on their website. Hearing both the parties, the Commission directed the PIO to provide a consolidated list of all manufacturing units to the appellant via email regarding point-1. The appellant was asked to provide email address. The information regarding points-2 & 3, the appellant was directed to download the same from the website of the department.

**Hearing dated 04.09.2019:**

The respondent present has pleaded that as per order of the Commission, the information regarding point-1 has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 02.09.2019 and a copy of the same is submitted to the Commission. The appellant is absent to point out the discrepancies.

I have seen the RTI application and the information provided by the respondent, and find that the information has been provided to the best possible extent.

No further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed**.

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**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Civil Surgeon, Tarn Taran.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 785 of 2019**

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

**ORDER:**

The case was last heard on 19.06.2019. The appellant informed that he has received reply from the PIO vide letter dated 29.01.2019 stating that they have not issued any license. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that there are so many manufacturers, wholesale and retail outlets in the District and some-one must have applied for registration and issue of license and have submitted documents.

The respondent was absent. The PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information about the vendors who have applied for registration and issue of license.

**Hearing dated 04.09.2019:**

Both the parties are absent. In the interest of justice, one more opportunity is granted and the PIO is directed to comply with the earlier order of the Commission which still stands. The PIO is also directed to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith the explanation for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act

To come up for further hearing on **03.12.2019 at 11.00 AM.**

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

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 786 of 2019**

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

**ORDER:**

The case was last heard on 19.06.2019. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The Commission has received an email from Food Safety Officer O/o Civil Surgeon, Ferozepur whereby the PIO has sent reply to the appellant on 12.06.2019 stating that they have not issued registration certificates and license under FSSAI. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that there are so many manufacturers, wholesale and retail outlets in the District and some-one must had applied for registration and issue of license and had submitted documents.

The respondent was absent. The PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information about the vendors who have applied for registration and issue of license.

The Commission also observed through cases of similar nature, that no distiller, blender or vendor of liquor seemed to have applied for FSSAI certificate, which appears to be in contravention of the FSSAI law, which makes it mandatory to have a license.

Given the above, the Commission impleaded the Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab and the Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Kharar in the case to probe into the matter and come out with a fact finding report of the above mentioned observation.

**Hearing dated 04.09.2019:**

Both the parties are absent. The earlier order stands. The PIO is directed to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith the explanation for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act.

To come up for further hearing on **03.12.2019 at 11.00 AM.**

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**Dated 04.09.2019**

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**2. Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare,**  
**Punjab, Chandigarh.**

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

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 787 of 2019**

**PRESENT: None for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Simranjit Singh, Food Safety Officer for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The case was last heard on 19.06.2019. The respondent present pleaded that they have not issued any registration and license under FSSAI and the reply has been sent to the appellant on 27.02.2019. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that there are so many manufacturers, wholesale and retail outlets in the District and some-one must had applied for registration and issue of license and had submitted documents.

Hearing both the parties, the PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information about the vendors who have applied for registration and issue of license.

**Hearing dated 04.09.2019:**

The respondent present pleaded that no vender has applied for registration and issue of license for manufacturing and sellers of liquor under FSSAI and the reply has been sent to the appellant on 02.09.2019. A copy of the reply is submitted to the Commission.

The appellant is absent. A copy of reply is being enclosed with the order for the appellant.

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

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated 04.09.2019**

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O/o Civil Surgeon, Jalandhar.

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

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 788 of 2019**

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

**ORDER:**

The case was last heard on 19.06.2019. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provide the information. The respondent was absent and vide email has sought exemption. The Commission also received an email from the PIO-cum-Food Safety Officer O/o Civil Surgeon, Jalandhar whereby the PIO informed that they have sent reply to the appellant on 21.01.2019 stating that they have not issued registration certificates and license under FSSAI. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that there are so many manufacturers, wholesale and retail outlets in the District and some-one must have applied for registration and issue of license and submitted documents.

The PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information about the vendors who have applied for registration and issue of license.

**Hearing dated 04.09.2019:**

Both the parties are absent. The earlier order stands. The PIO is directed to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith the explanation for not providing the information within the time prescribed under the RTI Act.

To come up for further hearing on **03.12.2019 at 11.00 AM.**

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Gurdaspur.

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

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 789 of 2019**

**PRESENT:     None for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Munish, Food Safety Officer for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The case was last heard on 19.06.2019. The respondent present pleaded that they have no manual data of information and the information is available on their website. Hearing both the parties, the Commission directed the PIO to provide a consolidated list of all manufacturing units to the appellant via email regarding point-1. The appellant was asked to provide email address. The appellant was also directed to get the information regarding points-2 & 3 from the website of the department.

**Hearing dated 04.09.2019:**

The respondent present has pleaded that as per order of the Commission, complete information regarding point-1 has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 09.08.2019 and a copy of the same is submitted to the Commission. The appellant is absent to point out the discrepancies.

I have seen the RTI application and the information provided by the respondent and find that the information has been provided to the best possible extent.

No further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed.**

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