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

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SMO, Civil Hospital, Dasuya, Distt.Hosiarpur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o SMO, Civil Hospital, Distt. Hosiarpur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3211 of 2022

PRESENT: None is present on behalf of the appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 21.01.2022 has sought information on 05 points regarding the payment made by the office during 01.01.2021 to 20.01.2022 comparative list of purchase of medicine, list of receipt from public, list of medicine purchased and repair of the hospital in Civil Hospital, Dasuya, list of all types of funds / grant received in Civil Hospital, Dasuya and list of the project received in Civil Hospital, Dasuya as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Civil Hospital Dasuya, Hoshiarpur. The PIO issued a demand notice of Rs 3000/- as fees to the appellant on 06.03.2022 and after getting the fees the PIO supplied the information on 08.06.2022. The appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 17.03.2022, which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Hoshiarpur/Ludhiana. Both parties are absent.

The respondent is absent and vide letter dated 06.12.2022 has informed that the appellant has inspected the record and the information has been sent to the appellant.

The appellant vide email has informed that he has received the information (500 pages) but has to go through the same and has sought adjournment.

Since the RTI application has been sufficiently replied to and the information has been provided to the best possible extent, no further cause of action is required in this case. Hence this case is **disposed of and closed.**

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Sh. Sandeep Kumar, S/o ShDilawar Singh, H No-353, Ward No-2, Garhshanakar, DisttHoshiarpur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o DC, Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o DC, Hoshiarpur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3174 of 2022

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Harvinder Singh, Labour Inspector Grade-1 for the respondents.

Order

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 12.03.2022, has sought information on 02 points regarding the status of grievance ID 20220089125 regarding PF and salary as enumerated in the RTI application. The appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 05.05.2022 for non-furnishing the information, which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Hoshiarpur.

The appellant is absent today. He has sent an email dated 13.12.2022, which has been taken on record. The appellant has submitted that no information has been provided to him so far, and as per the respondent, his grievance has been resolved, whereas his grievance has not been resolved.

The respondent present stated that the appellant was working as Sr. Superintendent at Riat Group Institute, Tehsil Balachaur. The employees of the various trades were not paid their salaries during Covid 19, resultantly, the employees filed complaints to the administration and the complaints were marked to him. He further stated that both parties were called to resolved the matter. Since the appellant was working as Sr. Superintendent, not covered u/s 2(s) of the Industrial Dispute Act, resultantly, his case could not be heard by his office. The appellant was advised to appear before the College Redressal Committee but the appellant never appeared before the Committee nor furnished a no-due certificate to the college despite the college Management had paid all the pending salaries of the appellant. The respondent stated that the employees of the college who are not covered under section 2(s) were further directed to file a complaint under the Payment of wages Act. The respondent has sent a letter dated 07.12.2022 along with the bank statement of the appellant to the Commission which has been taken on record.

After hearing the respondent that the RTI application has been sufficiently replied to.

In view of the above, no further intervention is required in this case. Hence this case is **disposed of and closed**.

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Sh Vikrant S/o Sh Rajeev, Near HDFC Bank, Main Market, Talwara, Tehsil Mukerian, DisttHoshiarpur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o DC, Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o DC, Hoshiarpur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3172 of 2022

Present: None is present on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Balkar Singh, APIO for the respondents.

Order

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 31.03.2022 has sought complete information on the expenditure that occurred on the development of each ward of Talwara from 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021 as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of D.C. Hoshiarpur. The appellant was not provided any information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 02.05.2022, which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through a video conference available in the office of DAC Hoshiarpur.

The appellant is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

The respondent present states that information (containing 30 pages) has been provided to the appellant by EO o/o M.C. Talwara vide letter bearing no. 1255 dated 09.11.2022 and the appellant is satisfied with the provided information The PIO has sent a letter bearing no. 1296 dated 15.11.2022 to the Commission, which has been taken on record.

Since the information stands supplied, no more cause of action is required in this case. The case is **disposed of and closed.**

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Sh. Ravinder Singh, S/o ShDharam Pal, BarianKhurd, Garhshankar, DisttHoshiarpur.

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o DC,

Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o DC, Hoshiarpur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3173 of 2022

Present: None for appellant.

Sh. Balkar Singh, APIO for the respondents.

Order

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 28.03.2022, has sought information regarding the procedure to be followed for mutation of certificate of Sale issued by Civil Judge after public auction etc. as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of D.C. Hoshiarpur. The appellant was not provided with any information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 09.05.2022, which did not decide on the appeal.

Versus

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference available in the office of DAC Hoshiarpur.

The appellant is absent without any intimation to the Commission. The respondent present states that information has been provided to the appellant, and he is satisfied.

Since the information stands supplied, no more cause of action is required in this case. The case is **disposed of and closed.**

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Sh Manu S/o Sh Vijay Kumar, Vrindavan House, Mohalla Kali Kambli, Ashram Backside Aman Hospital, Hoshiarpur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Pr. Secy, Health, Punjab, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Pr. Secy, Health, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3114 of 2022

Present: None for the appellant.

Sh. Lalit Kumar Superintentend, Ms Amandeep Kaur, Sr. Asstt. For Secretary Health, Punjab and Dr. Sunil, Distt. Family Welfare Officer,

Hoshiarpur.

Order

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 09.02.2022 has sought information regarding local certified copies and action taken on the emails of the appellant from 01.06.2020 to 01.02.2022 and action taken on emails pertaining to the appellant which has been forwarded by the other Departments to o/o respondent as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Principal Secretary, Health, Punjab. The appellant was not provided any information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 18.04.2022, which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference available in the office of DAC Hoshiarpur.

The appellant is absent today. He has sent an email which has been taken on record.

The respondent present (Dr. Sunil) states that information has been provided to the appellant at his residence. He further states that the appellant is satisfied with the provided information. The respondent has sent a copy of the information to the Commission which has been taken on record.

Since the information has been provided, no further intervention of the Commission is required in this case. Hence this case is **disposed of and closed.**

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Sh Vikrant S/o Sh Rajeev, Main Market, Talwara, DisttHoshiarpur.

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o DC, Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o DC, Hoshiarpur.

...Respondent

... Appellant

Appeal CaseNo. 2786 of 2022

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Hussan Lal, APIO for the respondents.

Order

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 22.03.2022 has sought information regarding local crusher in Dasuya Constituency like village Amroh with NOC from Forest Department Punjab as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of D.C. Hoshiarpur. The appellant was not provided with any information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 22.04.2022, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference available in the office of DAC Hoshiarpur.

The appellant is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

The respondent states that the information is ready and the same will be provided to the appellant on the current date of hearing itself..

In view of the above, the respondent is hereby directed to send the information through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

No further interference of the Commission is required in this case. Hence this case is disposed of and closed.

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Ms. Gurdeep Kaur, W/o Sh.Manjit Singh, Village Dade BawaMohar Singh, P.O Bulowal, DisttHoshiarpur.

... Complainant

Versus

Complaint CaseNo. 451 of 2022

Public Information Officer, O/o District Controller, Food Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Hoshiarpur.

...Respondent

Present:

None for the Complainant Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, FSO for the respondents.

Order

The complainant, through an RTI application dated 06.04.2022 has sought information on 03 points regarding duties of Sh. Aman Gautam AFSO during Punjab Vidhan Sabha Election 2022, leave etc, as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of DFSC Hoshiarpur. The appellant was not provided any information, after which the appellant filed a complaint before the Commission on 12.07.2022.

The case has come up for hearing today through a video conference available in the office of DAC Hoshiarpur.

The respondent present states that information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 17.10.2022. The respondent has sent a letter dated 13.12.2022 along with the information to the Commission, which has been taken on record.

Since this is a complaint case and the PIO has already supplied the information, no further action is required in this case.

With the above, this case is disposed of and closed.

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Ms. Gurdeep Kaur, W/o ShManjit Singh, Village Dade BawaMohar Singh, P.O Bulowal, DisttHoshiarpur.

... Complainant

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Controller,

Food Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Hoshiarpur.

...Respondent

Complaint CaseNo. 452 of 2022

Present: None for the Complainant

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, FSO for the respondents.

Order

The complainant, through an RTI application dated 06.04.2022 has sought information of 07 points regarding the complaint received against Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Depot Holder as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of DFSC Hoshiarpur. The appellant was not provided any information after which the appellant filed a complaint before the Commission on 12.07.2022.

Versus

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference available in the office of DAC Hoshiarpur.

The respondent present states that information has been provided to the appellant.

Since this is a complaint case and the PIO has already supplied the information, no further action is required in this case.

With the above, this case is disposed of and closed.

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Dr. Harsimran Singh, S/o ShJaswinder Singh, R/o AjitNgar, Bullanwari, Landmard Shamshan Ghat, P.O Sadhu Ashram, Distt.Hoshiarpur.

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o SDM, Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o DC, Hoshiarpur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1199 of 2022

Versus

PRESENT: Sh.Harsimran Singh as the Appellant

Smt.Gurjinder Kaur, PIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 11.11.2021 has sought information on 04 points regarding any redemption that can be ordered without the proof of mortgage deed – any redemption can be made without the proof of mortgaged amount – if any partial redemption of property can be allowed – can redemption of the property mortgaged about 130 years ago be allowed without proof of successor etc as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of SDM Hoshiarpur. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 13.12.2021 after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 21.12.2021, which took no decision on the appeal.

On the date of hearing dated 04.10.2022 the appellant claimed that the PIO had not supplied the information.

The respondent present pleaded that since the information is in question form, it cannot be provided and a reply has been sent to the appellant on 13.12.2021. Thereafter, the appellant filed the first appeal with the First Appellate Authority which disposed of the appeal with the order that the information being in question form, it cannot be provided and the reply was again sent to the appellant on 25.01.2022.

The Commission, however, made it clear that even though the information sought is in question form, if it exists in the record, it should be provided. This particular kind of information may exist in the form of rules, notings or government instructions on revenue matters.

The reply on which the First Appellate Authority had relied to pass its order was not in tandem with the information that has been sought.

The case was marked to the SDM, Hoshiarpur to look into the matter and reconcile the case.

Hearing dated 19.12.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Hoshiarpur.

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The appellant claims that despite orders of the Commission, the PIO has denied the information citing that the information is not available in the record, whereas he has asked for general information regarding redemption of infructuous mortgage from the PIO as enumerated in his RTI application. He requests the Commission to direct the PIO to provide the information or PIO should submit in writing that no record is available about any of the points. The appellant has sent a letter to the Commission, which has been taken on record.

The PIO has sent a letter dated 14.12.2022 to the Commission, which has been taken on record. It has been stated in the letter that the appellant has not sought any document in his RTI application as his application is in question form resultantly, no information can be provided to the appellant as per RTI Act, 2005. The PIO has further stated that a case of Redemption of Mortgage is under consideration with SM(Assistant Collector-First Class). A copy of "The Redemption of Mortgages (Punjab) Act 1913" can be provided to the appellant.

After hearing and going through the submissions of both the parties and perusal of the RTI application, the Commission observes that the appellant has filed his RTI application in question form, and no document has been sought, and resultantly, the Commission accepts the reply of the respondent. However, the PIO is directed to provide a copy of "The Redemption of Mortgages (Punjab) Act 1913" to the appellant immediately.

In view of the above, no further action is required in this case. Hence this case is disposed of and closed.

Chandigarh Dated: 19.12.2022

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Sh. Surinderpal Singh, S/o Late ShBabu Singh, R/o 947, HIG, Jamalpur Colony, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Food Safety Officer, O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana.

First Appellate authority, O/o Food Safety officer, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5561 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 07.06.2021, has sought information regarding the file related to the sealing of Chandan Chicken Shop on 31.05.2021 in BhaiRandhir Singh Nagar Block after a video got viral – a copy of the registration certificate of Chandan Chicken Shop and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Civil Surgeon -Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 23.07.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

On the date of hearing on 06.06.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Both parties were absent.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observed that there has been an enormous delay of one year in attending to the RTI application. The Commission having taken a serious view of this, directed 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. The PIO was again directed to provide information to the appellant as per the RTI application within 15 days of receiving the order with a copy to the Commission.

On the date of hearing on 03.10.2022, **b**oth parties were absent.

The order dated 06.06.2022 sent to the appellant at the given address were received back with the remarks of the postal authority "No such person at this address".

The PIO was given one more opportunity to file a reply to the show cause notice and appear personally on the next date of hearing otherwise it will be presumed that the PIO has nothing to say on the matter and the Commission will take an ex-parte decision. The PIO is directed to send the details of PIOs from the date of filing of the RTI application (Name of PIO – Period of stay – present posting).

The appellant was also directed to appear personally on the next date of the hearing.

Hearing dated 19.12.2022

The case has come for hearing today through video conference at DAC Ludhiana. Both parties are absent. The order dated 03.10.2022 sent to the appellant at the given address has been received back with the remarks of the postal authority "No such person at this address".

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It has also been observed that the orders dated 06.06.2022 and 03.10.2022 sent to the appellant through registered post have also been returned to the Commission. Moreover, the appellant is absent consecutively for the third time at the hearing (orders are uploaded on the website as well).

In view of the above, no further intervention of the Commission is required in this case. Hence this case is **disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh Dated: 19.12.2022

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Nagar, Village BolapurJhabewal, P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Sector-34, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Sector-34, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5014 of 2021

Versus

PRESENT: Sh.Jasbir Singh as the Appellant

Amandeep Singh, APIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 05.08.2021, has sought information on posts of food safety officers or food inspectors from the year 2010 – details of persons recruited and posts vacant – number of food safety officers working in districts of Punjab – posting detail of foods safety officer district-wise – complaints received against them and pending for enquiry and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Director Health and Family Welfare, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.09.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

On the date of the hearing on 06.06.2022 the appellant was present at Chandigarh and informed that the PIO had not supplied the information.

The respondent was absent. There was nothing on record which showed that the RTI application had been attended to by the PIO. There was an enormous delay of more than nine months in attending to the RTI application. The Commission directed 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.

The PIO was again directed to provide whatever information was available in the record to the appellant within ten days of receiving the order.

On the hearing date on 03.10.2022 the appellant claimed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent was absent on 2nd consecutive hearing, 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 Commission personally on the next date of hearing otherwise, it would be presumed that the PIO had nothing to say on the matter and the Commission will the take decision ex-parte. The PIO was directed to send the details of PIOs from the date of filing of the RTI application (Name of PIO – Period of stay – present posting).

Hearing dated 19.12.2022

The case has come for hearing today through video conference at DAC Ludhiana. The appellant stated that no information has been supplied so far by the PIO.

The respondent stated that the information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 12.10.2022 with a copy to the Commission. He has also submitted a copy of the same before the Commission along with the affidavit of the PIO in compliance with the previous order. In the said affidavit, the PIO has mentioned that due to a shortage of staff (being only one assistant), the information could not be provided in time.

Having gone through the reply of the PIO, I accept the plea and drop the show cause. A copy of the information so supplied by the PIO is being sent to the appellant along with the order.

In view of the above, no more intervention of the Commission is required in this case. Hence this case is **disposed of and closed.**

Chandigarh Dated: 19.12.2022

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Sh. Pardeep Chauhan C/o Punjab State Information Commission,

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o MD, Punjab Financial Corporation, Sector 17-B, Chandigarh.

Sector 16, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o MD, Punjab Financial Corporation, Sector 17-B, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3596 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh. Pardeep Chauhan as Appellant

Sh. Sharanjit Singh, PIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 16.05.2022, has sought 14-point information regarding copies of the email sent to GM, PFC on 22.09.2021, a copy of the letter sent to MD, PFC which was received in the office vide diary No.6555 dated 09.12.2021, Diary mark of email and letter, copy of noting portion where both the email and letter was dealt in the office, name of the official/officer with the designation to whom the and GM and MD marked the email and letter of action taken and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the MD, PFC, Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the complainant filed the complaint on 03.08.2022.

On the date of hearing on 10.10.2022, the respondent present informed that the information as available in the record has been provided to the appellant.

As per the appellant, the information was not provided on points 1 to 7. The appellant requested for inspection of the record.

Hearing both parties, the Commission directed the appellant to inspect the record by visiting the office of the PIO on 01.11.2022 at 11.00 AM. The PIO was directed to facilitate the record inspection to the appellant on the given date and time and provide the information to the appellant.

On the date of the hearing on 21.11.2022 as per the appellant, the information was supplied by the PIO on point 1.

As per the respondent, the sought information is not available in their record.

Hearing both the parties, the PIO was directed to provide an affidavit that the copy of the sought letter sent by the appellant through email to the GM-PFC on 22.09.2021 is not available in their record and that the information that whatever has been provided is accurate, complete and no further information is available in the record relating to this RTI application.

Hearing dated 19.12.2022:

The case has come for hearing today through video conference at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent PIO has submitted an affidavit before the Commission during the hearing, which has been taken on record. The affidavit has been handed over to the appellant after retaining a copy of the same for record.

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After going through the affidavit submitted by the PIO, the appellant was satisfied with the information and requested the Commission to close the case.

Since the information has been provided, no further intervention of the Commission is required. Hence this case is **disposed of and closed.**

Chandigarh Dated: 19.12.2022