



Sh. Lakhvir Kumar, (9872515368)Appellant/Complainant
S/o Sh. Jaspal Ram,
President Punjab Societies Aganst Corruption and Crime Branch,
Village Gandawa, Tehsil Fatehgarh,
Distt Kapurthala.

Versus

Public Information OfficerRespondent
O/o XEN, Provincial Division, PWD B&R,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE Construction Circle, PWD B&R,
Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 3624 of 2020

Present: Appellant: Sh. Lakhvir Kumar (On Call)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER (Today's (third) Hearing)

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.02.2021 vide which, the PIO was issued a show cause notice under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file reply. But respondent authority failed to do so.
2. Appellant, Sh. Lakhvir Kumar stated that no information has been received so far.
3. Respondent PIO, is again absent (successive second times) today without any prior intimation to the Commission about his/her exemption.
4. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI applications. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards the RTI Act, 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the respondent in responding to the RTI application. It was felt that the conduct of respondent was against the spirit of the RTI Act, 2005 which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.
5. DECISION Keeping in view the facts of the case and the submissions made by the appellant, it is evident that no satisfactory reply had been provided by the respondent in the matter, which is a grave violation of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. The Commission, instructs the PIO to reply show cause issued on last hearing i.e. 24.02.2021. The Commission therefore, directs the respondent to:
 - 1- provide a clear and specific information to the Appellant within a period of 15 days in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005;
 - 2- explain why penal action should not be taken as per section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, within 15 days;from the date of receipt of this order.
6. To come up on **05.05.2021** through personal hearing at PSIC Chandigarh, **11:30 AM.**

Chandigarh
Dated: 22.03.2021

Sd/-
(Maninder Singh Patti)
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Appeal Case No. 3627 of 2020

Present: Appellant: Sh. Lakhvir Kumar (On Call)

Respondent: Sh. Ranjeet Sandhu (SDO), 8283818381

Sh. Rajinder Singh (Supt.), 9876593300

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3. Respondent, Sh. Ranjeet Sandhu pleaded that he has not received any notice or order copy from the Commission that is why the delay has occurred in supplying the sought information. He further assured that he will provide the requisite information before the next date of hearing.
4. In the view of above another opportunity is given to the respondent to represent this case with the directions to supply the sought information within 15 days of receipt of this order, falling to which punitive action u/s 20(1) of RTI act will be initiated.
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