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Sh Gurmej Lal,
Whistle Blower, NCAG,
Street NO-5, # 1331-5,
Vishawkarma Bhawan, Down Canal Road,
Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, NC,
Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o EO, NC,
Faridkot.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1116 of 2022

**PRESENT: Sh.Gurmej Lal as the Appellant
Sh.Vikas Suman, Inspector for the Respondent**

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 22.11.2021 has sought the name & address of the contractor who was allotted the laying work of the interlocking tiles in the streets/roads under the jurisdiction of NC, Faridkot (from March 2017 to date) – a copy of the work order, MB books, Bills, work estimate, enhancement of amount and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the EO, NC, Faridkot. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 30.12.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 29.08.2022 through video conferencing at DAC, Ludhiana/Faridkot. As per the appellant, the PIO had not supplied the information.

The respondent was absent as well as not supplied the information. There has been an enormous delay of more than nine months in attending to the RTI application. The Commission having taken a serious view of this, directed the PIO to provide information to the appellant as per the RTI Act within 15 days of the receipt of the order; otherwise, the Commission will consider invoking section 20 of the RTI Act.

Hearing dated 26.12.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Faridkot. The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent present pleaded that the sought information being voluminous, the appellant was asked to vide letter dated 29.11.2021 to inspect the record and get the relevant information.

Hearing both the parties, the appellant is directed to inspect the record by visiting the office of PIO on 05.01.2023 at 12.00 PM and get the relevant information.

The PIO is directed to allow inspection of the record and provide relevant information as per the RTI application.

No further interference of the commission is required. Case disposed of.

Sd/-

**Chandigarh
Dated 26.12.2022**

**(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner**



Sh Gian Chand Goyal,
New Market, Jaito,
Distt Faridkot.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Assistant Food Supplies Officer,
Jaito.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs,
Sector-39-C, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1487 of 2022

PRESENT: Sh.Gian Chand Goyal as the Appellant
Sh.Amandeep Grover –AFSO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 24.12.2021 has sought the details of storage of wheat in Brahma Rice Mill Bajakhana in April 2021 in place of of Brar Rice Mills relating to village Ramoana centre – the distance between Brahma Rice Mill and Brar Rice Mill – area of Brahma Rice Mills machinery detail of Brahma Rice Mill - as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Assistant Food Supply Officer, Jaito. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 28.01.2022, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 04.10.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot.

The respondent present informed that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 09.06.2022.

As per the appellant, the information was incomplete.

Having gone through the RTI application, the reply of the PIO and hearing both the parties, the following was concluded:

- Point 1, 2, 3,7&8 - Provided/sufficiently replied
- Point-4 to 6 - The reply of the PIO that the information is 3rd party is not maintainable, and there is prima facie evidence that the PIO could be stonewalling the information. Also, there has been an enormous delay in attending to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs 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.** If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such person(s) of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

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The PIO was again directed to provide information on points 4 to 6 immediately.

Hearing dated 26.12.2022:

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

The appellant claims that the information has been provided only on 23.12.2022.

The PIO has also sent a reply to the show cause notice through email, which has been taken on record. It has been mentioned in the reply that the information appears delayed due to the fact that even though whatever the information available in the record was provided, the appellant was showing continuous dissatisfaction with the provided because of which there was a lag.

Since the information has been provided, I accept the plea of the PIO and drop the show cause. The case is **disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated 26.12.2022

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Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, NC,
Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o EO, NC,
Faridkot.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1113 of 2022

**PRESENT: Sh.Gurmej Lal as the Appellant
Sh.Vikas Suman, Inspector for the Respondent**

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 29.10.2021 has sought the list of private hospitals/schools, hotels & marriage palaces along with there total area along with the names of owners falling in the jurisdiction of NC, Faridkot – a list of such private hospital/schools, hotels, name & marriage palaces which are not in the record of NC, but operational and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the EO, NC, Faridkot. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 20.12.2021 which took no decision ,on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 29.08.2022 through video conferencing at DAC, Ludhiana/Faridkot. As per the appellant, the PIO had not supplied the information.

The respondent was absent. There has been an enormous delay (of more than nine months) in attending to the RTI application. The Commission having taken a serious view of this, directed the PIO to provide the sought information within 15 days of the receipt of the order otherwise, the Commission will be constrained to consider proceedings under section 20 of the RTI Act.

Hearing dated 26.12.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Faridkot. The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent present pleaded that the information has already been provided to the appellant vide letter No.35 dated 29.11.2021 (a copy of the letter and a copy of the dispatch register has been sent to the Commission for proof).

However, since the appellant claims to have not received the information, the PIO is directed to send a copy of the information once again to the appellant immediately.

With the above order, the case is **disposed of and closed.**

**Chandigarh
Dated 26.12.2022**

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

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Sh Vikram Kumar,
Chamber No-172, Block-C,
District Courts, Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Registrar Firms & Societies,
Pb, Sector-17-D, 17 Bays Building,
Bridge Market, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Registrar Firms & Societies,
Pb, Sector-17-D, 17 Bays Building,
Bridge Market, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1014 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Malwinder Singh, Sr.Asstt. for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 15.09.2021, has sought a copy of the memorandum of association, memorandum of article or rules and regulation, trustnama and registration certificate at the time of registration of societies Act No.21 of 1860 relating to Lala Khetu Ram Aggarwal Trust. Fazilka and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the Registrar Firm and Society Punjab, Chandigarh. The PIO sent a reply/information vide letter dated 04.10.2021 to the appellant but the appellant was dissatisfied with the information, after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 13.11.2021 which did not decide on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 29.08.2022 through video conferencing at DAC, Fazilka. The respondent present pleaded that since the appellant had not mentioned the registration number of the society, the information could not be provided, and the reply was sent to the appellant on 04.10.2021.

As per the appellant, the registration number was provided on 05.01.2022, but the PIO has not supplied the information. The respondent claimed that while providing the registration number, the appellant had provided the wrong year of the registration and hence they could not trace the record.

Hearing dated 26.12.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. The appellant is absent and vide letter received in the Commission on 22.09.2022 has informed that the correct registration number and year of registration has already been provided to the appellant and that the concerned trust has also issued a NOC as well as an application to the Commission with a copy to the appellant for providing information.

As per the respondent, they have also received a copy of said documents.

The PIO is directed to provide information to the appellant with a copy of the same to the Commission immediately.

No further interference of the commission is required. The case is disposed of.

Sd/-

**Chandigarh
Dated 26.12.2022**

**(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner**



Sh Jagdish Chander S/o Sh Machhi Ram,
H No-56-A, Street nO-3,
Radha Swami Colony, Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Civil Surgeon,
Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1392 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 31.07.2021 has sought information on 05 points regarding action taken on the complaint dated 04.02.2022 against Dr.Om Parkash Arora, Arora Bureau Centre Ludhiana – a copy of the enquiry report alongwith name of enquiry officer – a copy of the FIR lodged if any against Dr.Arora and action taken report if any action has been taken against Dr.Arora as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 14.01.2022, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 12.10.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka/ Ludhiana. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not supplied the complete information.

As per the respondent, an enquiry was conducted, however, the enquiry report was yet to be finalized by the enquiry committee, the reply was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 28.06.2022 that after receipt of the final enquiry report from the enquiry committee, the same shall be provided to the appellant.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the PIO was directed to provide the names of the Committee members to the appellant by Friday itself and send a compliance report to the Commission.

Hearing dated 26.12.2022:

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

Since the order has already been passed, the PIO is directed to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and provide information to the appellant as per the earlier order.

No further interference of the Commission is required. The case is **disposed of and closed.**

Chandigarh
Dated: 26.12.2022

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Sh Ranjit Singh, S/o sh Swarn Singh,
330, Ward NO-8, Mallanwala Khas,
Tehsil Zira, Distt Ferozepur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DC,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC,
Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1078 of 2022

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

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 27.09.2021 has sought copies of bills relating to the area covered for sewerage and interlocking tiles/work done in ward No.8 of village Malla-wala, Tehsil Zira, District Ferozepur along with copies of panchayat resolutions passed for the said job from 2013 to 2018 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the first appellate authority on 07.11.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 30.08.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. Both parties were absent.

The Commission received a letter from the office of DC Ferozepur dated 04.07.2022 vide which the office of DC Ferozepur had asked the DDPO-Ferozepur to take necessary action on the RTI application and send reply to their office as well as pursue the case with State Information Commission. The DDPO Ferozepur was impleaded in the case and directed to look at the RTI application and send an appropriate reply. A copy of the RTI application was attached with the order for the DDPO Ferozepur.

Hearing dated 26.12.2022:

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

The commission has received a letter dated 29.09.2022 (received in the Commission on 02.11.2022) vide which the PIO-O/o DC Ferozepur has directed the DDPO Ferozepur to provide the information and attend the hearing before the Commission.

The PIO-DDPO is absent. The appellant is absent on 2nd consecutive hearing to pursue his case.

Earlier order stands. The PIO- DDPO-Ferozepur is directed to comply with the earlier order of the Commission by providing the information to the appellant immediately.

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

Sd/-

(Khushwant Singh)

State Information Commissioner

**Chandigarh
Dated 26.12.2022**

**CC to :District Development & Panchayat Officer,
Ferozepur.**

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Sh M.P Singh S/o Sh Gallu Singh,
R/o Village Sohargarh, Ratewala,
Distt Ferozepur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Social Security Officer,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2016 of 2021

**PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Surinder Singh, Clerk for the Respondent**

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 03.02.2021 has sought the list of pensioners bank and account number in which pension PLA No.178285 is deposited – amount for pensions (PLA No.107355) that was deposited in account No.85340300032925 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of District Social Security Officer Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 03.03.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 15.12.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The Commission received a letter from the Superintendent O/o Commissioner, Ferozepur Division, stating that they are not the first appellate authority in this case and the appeal of the appellant has been forwarded to District Social Security Officer, Ferozepur vide letter dated 07.04.2021 with a copy to the appellant for information.

The respondent present from the office of CDPO Zira sought an adjournment and assured to provide the information within 15 days.

The appellant was absent.

The PIO was directed to provide information to the appellant within 15 days and send a compliance report to the commission.

On the date of the last hearing on **28.09.2022**, both parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 26.12.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. As per the respondent, the information has already been provided to the appellant.

The appellant is absent on the 2nd consecutive hearing, nor represented, nor communicated any discrepancies. It is presumed that the appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

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

**Chandigarh
Dated: 26.12.2022**

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



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

... Appellant

Versus

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

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

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1535 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 18.12.2021 has sought information regarding the number of alcohol samples collected from the year 2020 onwards – a copy of the register containing details of samples entered –copies of receipts of payment for collecting samples – number of licenses issued to alcohol shops/contractors from the year 2020 onwards as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Civil Surgeon, Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 20.01.2022, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 12.10.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Ferozepur. The appellant was present at DAC Ludhiana and claimed that the PIO has not supplied the information on points-2 & 3.

Due to some other VC going on in DAC Ferozepur, the respondent could not be heard. The case was adjourned. After completing the VC already going on in DAC Ferozepur, the VC was again connected at DAC Ferozepur. Sh.Sukhchain Singh, Steno was present who informed that the information has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 10.02.2022. The status of the hearing was conveyed to him

Hearing dated 26.12.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana/ Ferozepur. Both parties are absent.

The appellant vide email has informed that he has received the information and is satisfied.

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

Chandigarh
Dated 26.12.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner