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Sh. Lajpat Rai, S/o Sh.Harbans Lal, H No-B-3/287, Romana Street, Jaito, Distt.Faridkot.

... Appellant

...Respondent

Public Information Officer,

O/o SSP, Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o SSP, Faridkot.

Appeal Case No. 2564 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Lajpat Rai as the Complainant Sh.Ramesh Kumar, ASI-Incharge RTI Branch O/o SSP Faridkot for the Respondent

Versus

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 26.05.2020 has sought information regarding case No.80 dated 30.05.2019 police station Jaito relating to cross case – enquiry report, statement of witnesses –CDs and other documents – status report on the action taken tillk 27.05.2020 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SSP Faridkot. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 30.05.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 31.05.2021. The respondent present pleaded that the information has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 08.07.2020 and 12.02.2021.

As per appellant, the information was incomplete. Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the following was concluded:

Point-1 & 2	As per respondent enquiry is pending and information cannot be provided	-	Merely stating that the enquiry is pending is not the correct way to deny the information. The PIO is directed to justify the usage of exemptions in section 8 and give it in writing that why disclosure of information will hamper the investigation. process and pass a speaking order.
Point-3	As per respondent, the information has been provided	The appellant has not received the information	PIO to provide information
Point-4	As per the respondent, the information has been provided		•

Hearing dated 21.09.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. As per respondents, the information relating to point 1 & 2 is ready and the information on point 3 & 4 has been provided to the appellant.

The appellant is not satisfied and informed that the PIO has not supplied the complete information as per order of the Commission as well as not supplied CD and photographs as asked for in point-1

The respondent informed that the CD is not available with them.

The PIO is given one last opportunity to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and remove the discrepancies and provide complete information whatever available in the record to the appellant within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission otherwise the Commission will be constrained to initiate proceedings against the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act.

If the information is not available, to give in writing on an affidavit. The affidavit should be on stamp paper duly signed by PIO.

To come up for further hearing on **24.01.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

Chandigarh Dated :21.09.2021 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner