

CHANDIGARH POLICE

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE-CUM-1st APPELLATE AUTHORITY (UNDER RTI ACT 2005), UT, CHANDIGARH

Appeal Order No. D - 256 - 259 /UT/RTI/SSP, dated: 27 - 67 - 2022

Name of Appellant

Col. (Retd.) M Khorana,

R/o H. No. 5119/2, Cat-I, Modern Housing Complex,

Manimajra, Chandigarh

Concerned CPIOs

CPIO/Hgrs and North-East

Date of RTI application

11.04.2022, received on 18.04.2022

Date of CPIO's Replies

11.06.2022

Date of 1st Appeal

21.06.2022, received on 23.06.2022

ORDER

The appellant has preferred 1st appeal on dated 21.06.2022, received on 23.06.2022 against the reply/order of CPIO/North-East in connection with his RTI application dated 11.04.2022, received on 18.04.2022 with the contention that requisite information was denied deliberately by CPIO.

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN RTI APPLICATION:-

The appellant vide his RTI application dated 11.04.2022, (received on 18.04.2022) had sought information regarding action taken on complaint dated 03.03.2022 sent through registered post which was later on registered vide PWS no. 2022-04976 dated 10.03.2022.

COMMENTS OF CPIO/Hqrs: -

Comments of CPIO/Hqrs have been obtained who submitted that RTI application of the appellant was received in his office on 18.04.2022 through CAPIO PHQ vide his letter No. 328/RTI/CAPIO(PHQ)/UT/PWS, dated 18.04.2022.Thereafter, report from I/C CRU was sought vide letter no. 210/CPIO/Hqrs/RTI-22 dated 29.04.2022 who vide his report dated 02.05.2022 reported that the complaint in question has been sent to SDPO/North-East on 14.03.2022. Accordingly, the RTI application of the appellant was transferred to CPIO/North-East vide memo no. 210/CPIO/Hqrs/RTI-22/D-437 dated 05.05.2022 under intimation to the appellant, which was again received on dated 26.05.2022 from CPIO/North-East with the remarks that the complaint no. 2022-04976 has been sent to CRU Branch on 20.05.2022. Report from I/C CRU was sought again who reported that complaint in question has been sent to SDPO/North-East again on 01.06.2022, so the RTI application was re-transferred to CPIO/North-East vide memo no. 210/CPIO/Hqrs/RTI-22/D-528 dated 02.06.2022 under intimation to the appellant.

Comments of CPIO/North-East :-

Comments of CPIO/North-East have also been obtained who submitted that RTI application of the appellant was received in his office on 06.05.2022 from CPIO/Hqrs vide letter no. 210/CPIO/Hqrs/RTI-22/D-437 dated 05.05.2022.Further, Report from SHO PS Manimajra was obtained who reported that complaint bearing PWS no. 2022-04976 has been sent to I/C CRU on 20.05.2022, accordingly, RTI application was transferred to CPIO/Hqrs vide letter no. 46/RTI/CPIO/North-East dated 26.05.2022 under intimation to the appellant. On 02.06.2022 the RTI application of the appellant was again received in his office from CPIO/Hqrs as the complaint in question has been sent to him on 01.06.2022. After receiving report from SHO PS Manimajra the

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requisite information was denied u/s 8(1)(h) of RTI act as the complaint was under enquiry at that time vide letter dated 11.06.2022. So far as the present status of complaint is concerned, the same has been sent to senior officers for finalization on 15.06.2022.

DECISION:-

I have gone through the contents of RTI application, appeal of the appellant, comments of CPIO/Hqrs and North-East vis-à-vis material available on record which revealed that the appellant vide his RTI application dated 11.04.2022, (received on 18.04.2022) had sought information regarding action taken on complaint dated 03.03.2022 sent through registered post which was later on registered vide PWS no. 2022-04976 dated 10.03.2022. In reply, CPIO/North-East intimated the appellant vide letter dated 11.06.2022 that the requisite information cannot be supplied, hence denied u/s 8(1)(h) of RTI act as the complaint in question was under enquiry.

Initially, the RTI application of the appellant was received in the office of CPIO/Hqrs on 18.04.2022 which was transferred to CPIO/North-East on 05.05.2022 as the complaint in question was under enquiry there. CPIO/North-East rather supplying the requisite information or informing the appellant about the present status of the complaint, withhold the RTI application till 26.05.2022 and transferred back to CPIO/Hqrs with the remarks that the complaint in question has already been sent to PHQ on 20.05.2022. Thereafter, CPIO/Hqrs again transferred the RTI application to CPIO/North-East on 02.06.2022 mentioning therein the complaint in question again sent to SDPO/North-East.

In view of above, it is evident that the RTI application of the appellant remained shuttled between both the CPIOs causing undue delay in its disposal whereas the information could have been supplied/conveyed to the appellant at the initial stage well within the time limit by CPIO/North-East. Henceforth, CPIO/North-East and Hqrs are directed to ensure that the RTI applications received in their office, must be replied/disposed off strictly under the time limit as per RTI act. CPIO/North-East is further directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant as and when the enquiry into the complaint bearing PWS No. 2022-04976 dated 10.03.2022 is finalized, as per RTI act.

With these observations, instant appeal stands disposed off.

In case, the appellant is not satisfied with the disposal of his appeal, he can file second appeal before the Hon'ble CIC, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067 under the RTI Act within 90 days.

(Kuldeep Singh Chahal, IPS) Senior Superintendent of Police Union Territory, Chandigarh-cum-1st Appellate Authority.

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