

CHANDIGARH POLICE

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

Appeal Order No. D-454-456

/UT/RTI/SSP, dated: \$3 |D1 2023

Name of Appellant

Ms Navjot Lehal,

R/o # F-144, Phase-8/B, Sector-74,

SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab

Concerned CPIOs

CPIO/Hgrs.

Date of RTI application

14.10.2022

Date of CPIO's Reply

22.11.2022

Date of 1st Appeal

21.11.2022

ORDER

The appellant has preferred 1st appeal dated 21.11.2022 to the undersigned against the reply/order of CPIO/Hqrs. in connection with her RTI application dated 14.10.2022 with the contention that she has not been provided any information even after 37 days of her application under RTI Act.

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN RTI APPLICATION:-

Vide her RTI application dated 14.10.2022 appellant sought information on point 5 (a) to (n) in connection with enquiry on two complaints i.e. ICMS/2022/010799 and ICMS/2022/010821 filed by her.

COMMENTS OF CPIO/Hgrs:-

Comments of CPIO/Hqs have been obtained who submitted that RTI application of the appellant received in his office through CAPIO/PHQ vide memo No.909/RTI/CAPIO/UT/PWS, dated 17.10.2022 and also received from CPIO/EOW on 21.10.2022 and again on 14.11.2022. As per record, complaints in question i.e. ICMS/2022/010799 and ICMS/2022/010821 was found pending with DSP/PCC, accordingly, DSP/PCC was requested to supply the relevant information who replied that both these complaints are under enquiry and requisite information cannot be supplied at this stage. Therefore, a denial letter u/s 8(1)(h) of RTI Act was sent to the appellant vide No. 635/CPIO/Hqrs/RTI-2022,D-1039, dated 22.11.2022.

DECISION:-

I have gone through the contents of RTI application, appeal of the appellant, comments of CPIO/Hqrs vis-à-vis material available on record which revealed that CPIO/Hqrs after obtaining the requisite information from DSP/DCC informed the appellant vide letter dated 22.11.2022 that complaints in question were under enquiry, hence, requisite information could not be supplied and the same was denied as per section 8(1)(h) of RTI Act.

Although present status of the complaints have already been supplied to the appellant by CPIO/Hqrs, yet RTI application of the appellant remained shuttled between CPIO/Hqrs and CPIO/EOW causing undue delay in its disposal whereas the information could have been supplied/conveyed to the appellant well within the time limit by CPIO/Hqrs. Henceforth, CPIO/Hqrs is hereby directed to ensure that the RTI applications received in his office, must be replied/disposed off strictly under the time limit as per RTI act.

CPIO/Hqrs is further directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant as and when the enquiry into the complaints bearing ICMS/2022/010799 and ICMS/2022/010821 is finalized, as per RTI act.

With these observations/directions, instant appeal stands disposed off accordingly.

However, in case, the appellant is not satisfied with the disposal of her appeal, she 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.

(Manisha Choudhary, IPS) Senior Superintendent of Police Union Territory, Chandigarh-cum-1st Appellate Authority.

Ms. Navjot Lehal, R/o # F-144, Phase 8 B,Sector 74, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab.

Copies to:-

- CPIO/Hqrs
- Computer Section.