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File No: SIC-J/C/12/2013
Decision No: SIC-J/C/12/2013/125

Gh. Balwinder Singh & Ors. Through Sh. Naresh Raina (Advocate)	Complainant	Present
Sh. Deepak Dubey	PIO	Present

Block Development Officer,
Akhnoor.

Jammu
15-05-2013

Briefly the facts in this complaint are that Sh. Balwinder Singh & Ors. C/o V.P.O. Gandharwan, Teh. Akhnoor Distt. Jammu moved an application dated 07-11-2012 under J&K RTI Act, 2009 before the PIO / Block Dev. Officer, Akhnoor seeking the following information:

- Details relating to the Developmental and Construction works done under various schemes (i.e. MGNREGA, CDF, BADP, IAY, SCA, TSC, Health etc.). During sessions 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 of Block Akhnoor, District Jammu (J&K Panchayat wise separately).*
- Give the detail of the panchayat wise distribution of money sanctioned by the govt. in block Akhnoor under various schemes for the above said financial years including the expenditure incurred by the concerned department for the execution of the schemes.*
- Give the Photostat certified copies of bills and vouchers regarding expenditure incurred (in rupees) of various schemes only in respect of Panchayats namely Ambaran, Baruie,*

Choura, Chowki, Devipur, Danna Jallara, Gandharwan, Gangal, Kotli Tanda, Lehar, Maira Mandarian, Majoor, Nardi and Sungal Upper.

The PIO after scrutinizing the application worked out the additional fee considering the quantum of information to be supplied to the applicants. The information called for by the applicants happened to be huge as the same ought to be collected from the gram sevaks of sixteen different panchayats. On the basis of information lying with the gram sevaks (panchayat secretaries) and the parts of the reports lying in the office of BDO, Akhnoor, a total additional fee of Rs. 1,000/- (approximately) was worked out and the information seeker was informed about the same within 10 days from the date of receipt of application vide office letter no. BDO/AKH/RTI/2012-13/1512 dated 17-11-2013.

However, on 04-02-2013 the information seeker appeared before the PIO / BDO, Akhnoor and requested for getting attested photocopies of the documents and also informed him that he will personally collect the attested photocopies from the dealing assistant in the office of BDO / PIO, Akhnoor, but he did not turn up to collect the same.

During the course of proceedings, PIO apprised the Commission that on information seeker was also informed through telephonic means and was requested to collect the attested photocopies of the information and he readily agreed and assured the dealing assistant that he will collect the copies personally but he did not turn up to collect the same. However, ignoring the aforesaid facts information seeker filed a complaint before the Commission alleging therein that the information has not been provided to him. The perusal of documents and material available on record show that 26-04-2013, the information seeker was again approached by the office of BDO, Akhnoor and requested to collect the attested photocopies of the information, but the information seeker expressed his inability to collect the same personally due to some other assignments and requested that the information may be send to him through post. Consequently on the

request of the information seeker attested photocopies of the information were posted to him through registered post.

During the course of proceedings, information seeker has acknowledged the receipt of the same, however, he requested that he needs some time to go through the contents of the information and also expressed his desire to inspect the record in the office of the BDO, Akhnoor.

Keeping in view his request and the nature of the information sought for by the information seeker, BDO, Akhnoor is hereby directed to allow the information seeker a facility to access the record in his office during office hours on 03-06-2013 onward. The PIO is further directed to file compliance report to the Commission.

The complaint is accordingly disposed of.

Notice of this decision be given free of cost to the parties.

Sd/-

Dr. S.K. Sharma

State Information Commissioner

Copy to the:-

1. Public Information Officer / Sh. Deepak Dubey, Block Development Officer, Akhnoor.
2. Sh. Balwinder Singh & Ors. C/o V.P.O. Gandharwan, Teh. Akhnoor Distt. Jammu
3. Guard file.

Jang Bhadur

Joint. Registrar

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