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Harinder Pal Singh, R/o H.No. 278, Near Old Talab, Hira Mahal Colony, Nabha.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Assistant Municipal Engineer,
MC, Nabha, Patiala.
Public Information Officer,
o/o Building Inspector,
MC, Nabha, Patiala.
Public Information Officer,
o/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council Nabha,
District. Patiala.
First Appellate Authority,
Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),
Local Govt. Department, Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 11 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent Daman Devinder Singh, AME (for the Respondent) 94179-20239 Nirdosh Sharma, Building Inspector (for the Respondent) 99159-55511

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 14.7.2022 and 20.9.2022)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **9.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a shop near Barsati Nala, Circular Road**, enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.10.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.12.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **20.9.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Daman Devinder Singh, AME and Nirdosh Sharma, Building Inspector, who was issued a Show Cause Notice vide the Commission's Order Dated 20.9.2022, have submitted a separate replies to said Show Cause Notice, wherein both have contended that EO, Sh. Aparapar Singh's, submission to this Commission regarding Letter No. 2215MD Dated 30.8.2022, was never issued or received by them. They have submitted copies of the dispatch register pertaining to said letter, which was addressed to other officials and has no concern with this Appeal Case. Meanwhile, the appellant Sh. Harinder Pal Singh, has made a submission vide email Dated 22.11.2022, stating that he has received a letter from the respondents vide Letter No. 2762MD Dated 17.11.2022, but that the EO's name not reflected on said letter.
- 3. The Commission has examined the aforesaid reply submitted by the respondent PIO and is of the view that this adequately addresses the RTI application. However, in light of the submission made by Daman Devinder Singh, AME and Nirdosh Sharma, Building Inspector.

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- 4. The PIO-cum-EO, MC, Nabha, S. Aparapaar Singh is hereby directed to explain how Letter No. 2215MD Dated 30.8.2022, which was purportedly sent to both, Daman Devinder Singh, AME and Nirdosh Sharma, Building Inspector, is not entered in the dispatch register of the MC under said number. Alternatively the EO-cum-PIO, is directed to submit a duly attested copy of the dispatch register where Letter No. 2215MD Dated 30.8.2022, has been entered and addressed to the Assistant Municipal Engineer, Daman Devinder Singh, AME and Nirdosh Sharma, Building Inspector. This must be done within 10 days of receipt of this Order.
- 5. <u>Next hearing on 10.2.2023_at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Sd/(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 23.11.2022