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Sh. Rajinder Kumar Gupta, #33 New Vikas Nagar, Baltana, Distt. SAS Nagar.

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, o/o Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Department, Punjab, Mohali

First Appeal Authority, o/o Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Department, Punjab, Mohali.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1157 of 2022

Present: Sh. Rajinder Kumar Gupta, appellant.

Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Sr. Asstt. (M 987685586)(RD-4) Ms. Sunita Kumari, Sr. Asstt. (M 9646095124).(RD-2)

Order

The RTI Application is dated 28.09.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding copy of rules and instructions and syllabus of direct recruitment examination of Sr. Assistant, Assistant Accounts, noting portion of appointment of Sr. asstts. Sh. Avtaar Singh, Sh. Subash Chander, seniority list from 1992 and seniority of clerks issued from time to time etc as enumerated in his RTI Application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 13.11.2022 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.03.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

- 2. The appellant requests the Commission to provide him information from the PIO. The appellant states he needs the information for the case filed in the Hon'ble High Court. The appellant has sent a letter to the Commission which is taken on record.
- 3, The respondents(RD-2 and RD-4) state that information has already been provided to the appellant. The respondents states that the appellant has sought very old record and the same has been weeded out during Swatch Bharat Mission. The respondents have submitted a letter no. RD-2 /1359 dated 2.3.2023 and RD-4/1590-91 dated 28-2-2023 along with the copy of affidavit which is taken on record.
- 4. After hearing the parties and going through the case file, the Commission observes that no public interest is involved in seeking the information as sought in the RTI



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application. Also the representative of the PIO states that the record has been weeded out as per Govt. instructions but the Commission does not accepts the content of affidavit submitted by the PIO(RD-2 branch) as " information being 29 years old and hence cannot be provided." Therefore, the PIO of RD-2 branch is hereby directed to resubmit the affidavit before the next date of hearing as discussed in the hearing. A copy of letter so received in the Commission is **being sent** to the appellant.

5. To come up on 11.4.2023 at 12.30 at 12.30 P.M. at Chandigarh.

Dated 02.03.2023

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(Suresh Arora)
Chief information Commissioner, Punjab