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Shri Pawan Kumar Verma, S/oLate Shri Baldev Raj, R/o .No. 347/A, Surya Enclave Near Ekta Nagar Railway Fatak, Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Tehsildar, Jalandhar-1

First Appellate Authority O/o SDM, Jalandhar-1.

....Respondents

AC No. 1202 of 2023

Present: i) Appellant – Absent

ii) None for the Respondent

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 20.09.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 26.10.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.02.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The case has been heard today. Both the parties are absent. As per record, the PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Jalandhar-1 vide letter dated 18.10.2022 has sent reply to the appellant stating that information being in question form and needs to be created, thus cannot be provided. Further there is no public interest involved in disclosure of information sought. The Commission has also received a letter dated 16.03.2023 from the SDM-cum-First Appellate Authority, Jalandhar-1 stating that the appellant had earlier filed complaint cases No.54, 55 & 56 of 2023 for seeking exactly the same information which were heard by this Bench and remanded back to the First Appellate Authority vide order dated 29.03.2023. After having given opportunity of personal hearing to the complainant and hearing both the parties, it was revealed that the respondent has supplied information as available in the official records and the complaints/appeals were disposed off on 15.02.2023. Now the appellant has filed appeal cases No.1205, 1204 & 1202 of 2023 for seeking exactly the same information which is fixed for hearing before this Bench on 03.05.2023 and the concerned Tehsildar-cum-PIO has been directed to attend the hearing.
- 3. However, in the interest of justice, one more opportunity is given and the appellant is directed to appear personally before the Bench on the next date of hearing to pursue his case failing which the Bench may decide the case based on documents available on file. The PIO is also directed to come present in person before the Bench to attend the next hearing.
- 4. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 29.05.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

 Sd/-

Chandigarh 03.05.2023

(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab