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Shri Pawan Kumar Verma, S/o Late 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. 1204 of 2023

Present: i) Shri Pawan Kumar Verma - Appellant – in person
ii) Shri Rupinder Singh Bal, Tehsildar Jalandhar-1-cum-PIO, Shri Amrik Chand, Clerk and Shri Pawan Sharma, RTI Clerk O/o Tehsildar, Jalandhar-1 – in person

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 29.05.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. As per respondents, the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 05.07.2023. The respondent also submits a copy of reply to the Bench which is taken on record.
3. The appellant is not satisfied with the response of the PIO and states that he has asked for information relating to details of RTI applications received and disposed off and fee collected by way of postal order from 2018 onwards. The appellant further states that the PIO has not uploaded the data on the website of the department which is mandatory as per provisions of section 4 of the RTI Act.
4. Having gone through the RTI application, copy of reply available in the file and hearing both the parties, the Bench directs the PIO to re-examine the RTI application and provide point-wise information/reply to the appellant before the next hearing. The PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the official records. After inspection of records by the appellant, the information as is identified by the appellant be provided to him duly attested by the PIO before the next hearing.
5. The appellant is advised to contact Shri Rupinder Singh Bal, Tehsildar Jalandhar-1 Mobile No.9417300001 prior to visiting for inspection of records. The PIO is directed to ensure that official records related to RTI application of the appellant are presented for examination and documents as identified are given duly attested by the PIO.

6. The PIO-Tehsildar Jalandhar-1 is again directed to upload the information on the public domain under section 4(1)(a) of the RTI Act and provide link of the website to the appellant.

Section 4(1)(a) reads: Every public authority shall maintain all its records duly catalogued and indexed in a manner and the form which facilitates the right to information under this Act and ensure that all records that are appropriate to be computerized are, within a reasonable time and subject to availability of resources, computerised and connected through a network all over the country on different systems so that access to such records is facilitated;

7. With the aforesaid directions, the **matter is adjourned**. Since I am demitting the office on 4th August 2023 and I am left with little time to hear the case further, this case file is sent to the Deputy Registrar to place this case file before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

**Chandigarh
19.07.2023**

**Sd/-
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**