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Rohit Sabharwal,
126, Model Gram,
Ludhiana – 141002.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o DCFA, MC,
Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer,
o/o Superintendent Headquarters,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1237 of 2022

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **22.7.2022, 29.9.2022, and 25.11.2022**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **29.11.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding laying/construction of new roads / fixing of interlocking roads etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **4.1.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.3.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **25.11.2022**.

2. At the last hearing on 25.11.2022, a Bailable Warrant was issued against the PIO, Headquarters, Sh. Rohit Sahota. However, before service of said warrant, Sh. Rohit Sahota appeared before this Bench and assured that all RTI applications pending with him, along with notices received from the Commission, shall be transferred to the concerned PIOs. As per Sh. Rohit Sahota, most of the RTI applications have already been transferred to the concerned PIOs.

3. As per an earlier submission of Sh. Rohit Sahota vide Letter No. 48 Dated 6.1.2023, Show Cause Notices have been issued to PIOs in four Appeal Cases for failing to attend the hearing in the Commission and/or provide the requested information. Sh. Vaneet Kumar, SDO B&R, Zone-D, is present and states that the copy of this Commission's Order Dated 25.11.2022 was marked to the PIO, B&R, Zone-D on 17.1.2023. Sh. Vaneet Kumar however, says that the basic RTI application was then procured and it was found that the information requested pertains to expenditure and therefore, was transferred to the DCFA, MC, Ludhiana under Section 5(4) and 5(5) of the RTI Act, 2005, vide Letter No. 2329 Dated 30.1.2023.

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3. The PIO-cum-DCFA is hereby directed to submit a suitable reply to this RTI application before the next hearing. The appellant is advised to attend the next hearing of this Appeal Case in person failing which the Commission will be constrained to issue a Final Order.

4. Next hearing on 15.3.2023 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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

Chandigarh
1.2.2023