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Shri K. N. S Sodhi, (M:98720-70863),
1634, Sector 70, SAS Nagar (Mohali)



.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director, Local Govt. Department, Punjab,
Sector 34-A, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
SAS Nagar, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Local Govt. Department, Punjab,
Sector 34-A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 1286 of 2022

Present:

- (i) **Shri K.N.S Sodhi appellant in person.**
(ii) **Shri Sunil Kumar Sharma, PIO –cum- Executive Engineer, O/o MC, SAS Nagar along with Shri Dharminder, SDO, O/o MC SAS Nagar, in person.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.11.2022.
2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri K.N.S Sodhi states that voluminous documents related to information have been given to him in relation to AC: 1286 /2022, AC:1287/ 2022 and AC: 1285 /2022. He shows the Court a big bundle of documents kept in a gunny bag and states that the supplied information is unattested and not stamped. He further mentions about his email dated 28.11.2022, which is taken on record.
3. Shri Sunil Kumar Sharma, PIO states that the information has already been handed over to the appellant on 12.12.2022 and he will look into the official records again and provide the remaining information, if any.
4. Both the parties are directed to sit in adjacent court room and discuss as well as examine the record brought along by the appellant. The Bench also directs the PIO to sort out the document separately as per the appeal cases.
5. After their discussion, both the parties were called again before the Bench and the PIO requests for an adjournment. The collective information in relation to AC : 1286 /2022, AC:1287/ 2022 and AC: 1285 /2022 has been taken back by the department and PIO states that they will look into the official records once again and supply the information to the appellant before the next date of hearing relating to each case separately as per issues raised therein.
6. The appellant is upset with the behaviour of Smt. Avneet Kaur, XEN, who was the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Mohali during December, 2021. His submissions regarding her high handedness and discourteous behaviour are highlighted by him during his interaction with her when she was the PIO

in the December 2021. The Bench opines that notified PIO's and FAA's must be courteous when hearing RTI cases and Appeal cases as their appointment involves Public Dealing. The Bench directs that Smt. Avneet Kaur, XEN, the PIO in December, 2021 must be counselled for her discourteous behaviour with the appellant.

7. **With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Both the concerned parties are directed to attend the hearing on 03.01.2023 at 11.30 am before the Bench at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
15.12.2022

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