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

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Director, Local Govt. Deptt., Punjab,

Sector 34-A, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

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

First Appellate Authority O/o Director, Local Govt. Deptt. Punjab, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 1287 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 Gurwinder Singh, SDO, O/o MC SAS Nagar, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.12.2022 passed by this Bench on

the previous hearing.

2. Shri Sunil Sharma, XEN/PIO comes present in person before the Bench and states that pointwise reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 30.12.2022. He further states that the information as existing in the official records relating to fountains/ musical fountains stands supplied in the appeal case.

3. Shri K.N.S. Sodhi, appellant also comes present in person before the Bench and acknowledges the receipt of letter dated 30.12.20-22 from the PIO.

4. The appellant, during his submissions, highlights corruption in the installation of fountains/ musical fountains in the parks of Municipal Corporation, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) and states that fountains/ musical fountains are existing only on paper and there is nothing on the ground. He alleges corruption by Shri Kamaldeep Singh, XEN in the non-execution of the works. He further highlights the role of Smt. Avenet Kaur, XEN who was the PIO, Municipal Corporation, SAS Nagar (Mohali) during December, 2021 in not providing the information and protecting the official responsible for embezzlement of funds. 5. The Bench, post deliberations, directs the present Executive Engineer Shri Kamaldeep Singh and the previous Executive Engineer, Municipal Corporation, SAS Nagar(Mohali), Smt. Avneet Kaur to come present before the Bench on the next hearing to clarify the position regarding such laxity in execution of development works as also delaying the provision of information to the appellant, as alleged by the appellant.

With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on
08.02.2023 at 11.30 am before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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

Chandigarh 03.01.2023

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- i) Shri Kamaldeep Singh, XEN, Municipal Corporation, Mohali.
- ii) Smt. Avneet Kaur, XEN, Municipal Corporation, Patiala.