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Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, NCAG office, Street Number 05, # 1331-5, Vishvkarma Bhawan, Down Canal Road, Simlapuri, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o Principal Secretary, Local Bodies Department, Punjab Sector35-A, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer (Encl: Copy of RTI Application)

O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Principal Secretary, Local Bodies Department, Punjab Sector35-A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 3331 of 2022

Versus

<u>Present:</u> (i) Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, Appellant- through Webex.

(ii) Shri Vijay Kumar, ATP, and Shri Rajiv Kumar, Building Inspector, Town Planning Wing, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, on behalf of the Respondent/PIO-in person.

ORDER

(Heard in person/through cisco webex)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 01.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He denies receipt of information in this case.
- 3. Shri Vijay Kumar, ATP, and Shri Rajiv Kumar, Building Inspector, Town Planning Wing, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the Respondent/PIO. The representative of PIO O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt. Punjab states that reply to show cause notice has been filed vide letter dated 29.09.2022. He further states that in this case, the RTI application of the appellant was not received in their office and further states that the information sought by the appellant is the same as sought by Shri Gurmej Lal in AC No.3338/2022 and that in this case also, the PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is required to be impleaded as Respondent. Accordingly, the PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is impleaded as Respondent and the PIO O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh is exempted from further hearings.

- 4. The Bench directs the PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana to supply information to the appellant and ensure to come present in person before the Bench, failing which, penal consequences shall follow.
- 5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 10.11.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 10.11.2022 Sd/-(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd)) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

CC: Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary, Local Bodies Department, Punjab, Chandigarh.