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Shri Kuldip Kumar,
3261, Rattan Singh Chowk,
FGC Road, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Commissioner,
MC, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner,
MC, Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 1384 of 2023

Present: i) Shri Kuldip Kumar - Appellant – through cisco-webex
ii) Shri Vikas Kumar, Junior Assistant (Agenda Branch) O/o MC Amritsar for the Respondent – in person

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 14.11.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 20.12.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.02.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today. As per respondent, the information on point-7 has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 12.05.2023 and information on other points does not relate to their branch.
3. The appellant is not satisfied and states that he has sought information regarding services being rendered by legal advisor, law officers and advocates in Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.
4. Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission observes that the reply of the APIO Agenda Branch is irrelevant and the PIO- Agenda Branch has not transferred the RTI application to the concerned department under section 6(3) of the RTI Act. The PIO-Agenda Branch O/o MC Amritsar is directed to transfer the RTI application to the concerned Legal Branch under section 6(3) of the RTI Act and the concerned PIO-Legal Branch O/o MC Amritsar is directed to provide point-wise reply to the appellant with a copy to the Commission before the next hearing.
5. The PIO Legal Branch O/o MC Amritsar 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. 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. The PIO and the appellant are also directed to come present in person before the Bench to attend the next hearing.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 17.07.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
15.05.2023**

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

**CC to: Public Information Officer,
Legal Branch, O/o MC Amritsar.**