



Helpline No.0172-2864100(From 10.00 AM to 04.00 PM on working days)
Shri Ravinder Kumar, S/o Shri Shivnath,
Ward NO.1 Basoli Road, Rakkar Colony,
Una Himachal Pradesh.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o E.O, Nagar Panchayat,
Mahilpur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC(General),
Hoshairpur.

....Respondents

AC No. 1460 of 2023

Present: i) Shri Ravinder Kumar - Appellant – in person
ii) Shri Rajeev Sareen, PIO-cum-EO–NC Mahilpur and Shri Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer O/o NC Mahilpur for the Respondent – in person

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 10.11.2022 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 06.01.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.02.2023 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 has already been provided to the appellant in an earlier appeal case vide letter dated 23.08.2021 and the reply to this effect has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 27.02.2023.
3. As per appellant, the reply is not justified since the information sought in this case is different from the information sought in the earlier appeal case. The appellant further says that he has received reply to his RTI application after a period of 117 days as against 30 days as prescribed under the RTI Act and he is being harassed by the department.
4. Hearing both the parties, the Bench finds that the submission of the PIO is not justified since as per appellant, the information sought in the RTI application is different from the information as sought in the earlier appeal case. The PIO is now directed to bring entire record relating to this RTI application in the Commission on the next date of hearing. The PIO is directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing. The appellant is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.06.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Sd/-

Chandigarh
17.05.2023

(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner