

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Jaswant Singh Chhabra,
47, G.K. Estate, Phase-1,
Mundian Kalan, Chandigarh Road,
Ludhiana

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o ATP, Building Branch, Zone-B,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer,
o/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1668 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Ravinder Singh Walia, Draftsman (for the Respondent) 98551-99191

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **13.7.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding action taken report**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **16.8.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **5.4.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **12.10.2022**.

2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO, represented by Ravinder Singh, Walia, Draftsman, from Zone-B states that a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No.1125 dated 8.2.2021. It was however, pointed out to him that his claim is dubious since the RTI application itself is Dated 13.7.2021. The Commission also notes that the respondent PIO-cum-ATP, Zone-B failed to attend atleast Two hearings before First Appellate Authority on 10.11.2021 and 21.12.2021. The PIO-cum-ATP was also issued a show cause notice by First Appellate Authority.

3. In view of the above, the Commission directs the respondent PIO-cum-ATP Building Branch Zone-B, Building Branch **Smt. Varinder Kaur** to submit a written, pointwise reply to the RTI application along with duly attested copies of the all the related information as per the RTI Act, 2005. The PIO-cum-ATP is also directed to be present in person at the next hearing of this appeal case. Failing this, the Commission will be constrained to initiate penal action as per the RTI Act, 2005.

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4. **Next hearing on 7.12.2022 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh
12.10.2022