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Sh Jaspal Singh S/o Sh Sukhdev Singh,
152, Sehna Khera, Tehsil Malout,
Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib. (Application NO-43310).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (General),
Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

Public Information Officer

O/o EO-Nagar Council,
Malout, District Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

Public Information Officer

O/o DC,
Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority

O/o DC,
Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

....Respondents

AC No. 1673 of 2023

Present: i) Shri Jaspal Singh - Appellant – through cisco-webex
ii) Shri Gurmeet Singh, Clerk O/o ADC(G) Sri Mukatsar Sahib for the PIO – through cisco-webex

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 12.12.2022 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 24.12.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.03.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today. As per respondent, they received the RTI application from District Revenue Officer, O/o DC Sri Mukatsar Sahib on 06.04.2023. Thereafter, the appellant was asked vide letter dated 13.04.2023 to deposit requisite fee of Rs.650/- which the appellant did not deposit and the information has not been provided. The respondent further states that the information regarding Alfa Residence is not available with them since this colony was approved under T.P.Scheme and the record is available with EO-Nagar Council, Malout. They have already transferred the RTI application to EO-NC Malout vide letter dated 13.04.2023.
3. As per appellant, he received letter from the PIO after one and half months after filing second appeal in the Commission.
4. Since there has been delay in attending to the RTI application, the PIO is directed to provide information to the appellant free of cost. The Executive Officer-cum-PIO, Nagar Council is impleaded in the case and directed to provide information to the appellant relating to Alfa Residence. The information be provided before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission. The PIO O/o ADC(G), Sri Mukatsar Sahib and PIO-cum-EO, NC Malout are 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 to attend the next hearing.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.07.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
05.06.2023

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