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Shri Parveen Kumar Sayal (Partner Sayal & Company), Octroi Contractor, Sirhind, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Local Govt. Punjab, (Local Govt.-3 Branch), Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary to Govt. Of Punjab, Local Govt. Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 1715 of 2021

Present: (i) Shri Parveen Kumar Sayal, appellant and Shri N.K. Sayal, - in person.

- (ii) Mrs. Sandeep Kaur, Senior Assistant, Local Govt.-3 Branch, Local Govt., Pb-.in person.
- (iii) Shri Ajay Kumar, Senior Assistant, O/o ADC (General), Fatehgarh Sahib-in person.
- (iv) Shri Balwinder Singh, Inspector, Municipal Council, Sirhind- in person.

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.11.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Parveen Kumar Sayal, appellant and Shri N.K. Sayal come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and state that he has not been supplied complete information yet.
- 3. Smt. Sandeep Kaur, Senior Assistant, Local Govt.-3 Branch comes present to attend the hearing in person and reiterates her statement as made during the previous hearing that the concerned file has not been traced out in the office yet.
- 4. Shri Ajay Kumar, Senior Assistant, O/o ADC (General), Fatehgarh Sahib comes present in person before the Bench and states that information relating to their office was provided to the appellant during the previous hearing. Shri Balwinder Singh, Inspector Municipal Council, Sirhind, District Fatehgarh Sahib come present in person before the Bench. He states that information relating to Municipal Council, Sirhind has also been provided to the appellant during the previous hearing.
- 5. Shri N.K. Sayal, representative of appellant states that he has pointed out deficiencies in the information supplied vide letters dated 03.12.2022, 04.12.2022 and 05.12.2022, as per directions of the Bench.

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- 6. On the asking of the Bench, the representative of PIO O/o ADC (General), Fatehgarh Sahib states that files have been transferred to their office by the earlier office of Regional Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana and the appellant can visit their office for inspection of records to identify the documents required by him. The representative of PIO/Executive Officer, M.C. Sirhind states that the information as available in the official records has been provided to the appellant.
- 7. The Bench, on perusal of the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant, observes that the appellant has expressed dissatisfaction over information supplied on each point and has generally stated the information to be irrelevant and misleading. The Bench also observes that though the appeal case is still under consideration, however, the representative of the appellant has been filing RTI application seeking information on the said appeal case even before the final order and disposal of the case. This amounts to Bench hunting and putting the Bench under pressure.
- 8. Since the appellant does not seem to be convinced with the information supplied till date, the Bench recuses itself from further hearing in the case and deems it appropriate that the same be heard by a larger Bench. Accordingly, the instant appeal case be sent to the Deputy Registrar, PSIC to get the same allocated to a larger Bench. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 13.12.2022 Sd-(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd)) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Copy to:

- i) PIO O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner, (General), Fatehgarh Sahib
- ii) PIO O/o The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sirhind, Fatehgarh Sahib
- iii) Deputy Registrar, Punjab State Information Commission for necessary action.