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Shri Jaqiit Singh. R/o Aman Nagar, Street No-3, Backside Green Land School,

Near Jalandhar Bye Pass, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o PSPCL, Janta Nagar,

Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Engineer, PSPCL, Sarabaha Nagar, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No. 1794 of 2023 Present: i) Shri Vishal for the Appellant - in person

> ii) Shri Sohan Singh, AAE, Janta Nagar, PSPCL Ludhiana for the PIO -in person

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 28.11.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information 1. as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 26.12.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 10.03.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. The case has been heard today. As per respondent, the appellant has sought copies of NOCs issued by the concerned department to the electricity consumers relating to their properties for obtaining electric connection. Since the NOC contains personal information of the consumers, it has been denied to the appellant and reply to this effect has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 12.01.2023 and a copy of same has been sent to the Commission also.
- The representative of the appellant comes present in person and states that the appellant wants copies of NOCs submitted by some of the electricity consumers of village Laher, Janta Nagar, Ludhiana to whom the PSPCL has provided electric meter/electricity connection on the basis of fake NOCs. He wants to unearth a scam and corruption that is taking place in the PSPCL Department.
- Post deliberations, the PIO is now directed to provide information to the appellant as per the RTI application with a copy to the Commission before the next hearing. The PIO is directed to come present in person Before the Bench to attend the next hearing. The appellant is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next date of hearing.
- 5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 26.07.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 12.06.2023

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