



**Helpline No.0172-2864100(From 10.00 AM to 04.00 PM on working days)**

Sh Naresh Johar,  
# 80, Rani ka Bagh,  
Amritsar.

Versus

.....Appellant

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Local Bodies, PB Civil Secretariat-1,  
Sector-1, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Ministry of Local Bodies,  
Govt of Punjab, PB Civil Secretariat-1,  
Sector-1, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No. 1855 of 2023**

**Present: i) Appellant – Absent**  
**ii) Shri Arun Kumar, Suptd.-cum-PIO and Shri Rahul Saini, Senior Assistant (LG-2 Branch) O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt. – in person**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 20.05.2022 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 14.12.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.03.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today. As per respondents, the information sought by the appellant is not specific and the appellant was asked vide letter dated 02.06.2023 to specify the information sought by visiting the office of PIO but the appellant did not turn up and hence the information has not been provided.
3. The appellant is absent nor is represented.
4. Having gone through the RTI application, the Bench observes that the appellant has sought details of Government land illegally encroached upon and sold as per report of Shri S.S.Saini, former Judge and Shri Chander shekhar-former DGP and thus larger public interest is involved. The PIO is directed to re-examine the RTI application and provide information to the appellant. If not available, it should be obtained from agency dealing with the issue. The information be provided 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 advised to come present in person before the Bench on the next date of hearing failing which the Bench may be constrained to decide the case based on the documents available on record.
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. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**12.06.2023**

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