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Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o EO, Improvement Trust, Phagwara.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Minister, Local Bodies, Pb, Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

.....Appellant

AC No. 1941 of 2023

Present: i) Appellant - Absent

ii) Shri Konark, Junior Engineer(Civil) and Shri Jagdeep Kurl, Junior Assistant O/o Improvement Trust, Phagwara for the PIO

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 08.04.2022 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 15.11.2022 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 respondent, the RTI application of the appellant is neither legible nor specific, the appellant was asked vide letter dated 05.12.2022 and again on 18.05.2023 to visit the office of PIO on any working day and specify the information asked for but the appellant did not turn up and thus the information has not been provided.
- 3. The appellant is absent nor is represented.
- 4. The appellant is directed to send legible typed copy of RTI application to the PIO with a copy to the Commission. The PIO is directed to provide point-wise information/reply to the appellant once the legible copy of RTI application is received. The PIO is further directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the official records. After inspection of records by the appellant, the information as is identified by the appellant be provided to him before the next hearing. The PIO is directed to ensure that official records related to RTI application of the appellant are presented for examination and documents as identified are given duly attested by the PIO. The PIO is also 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 Commission may be constrained to decide the case based on the documents available on file.
- 5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 20.07.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 07.06.2023 Sd/(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner