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FINAL ORDER

Rohit Sabharwal, # 126, Model Gram, Ludhiana – 141002.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Assistant Town Planner, Building Branch, Zone B,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.
Public Information Officer,
o/o Assistant Town Planner, Zone-A,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1970 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 22.7.2022 and 29.9.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated 23.12.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information:

"Kindly refer to our Office Letter No. Complaint No. RS/ 168 /04 dated 15th July, 2021 preferred under the subject 'Request to mark a Survey regarding the ongoing Under-Construction Buildings being constructed in the jurisdiction of Zone-B, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana so that no loss is caused to the Public Exchequer & Illegal Non-Compoundable Constructions are not Flourished in the City." (Copy of the same is enclosed herewith for your kind reference),

in regard to this matter against Mr. Navneet Singh Khokhar, Building Inspector, Zone-B Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana a show-cause notice bearing Notice No. 533/M.O dated 02.12.2021 duly signed by the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana was also issued (Copy of the same is enclosed herewith for your kind reference).

Hence, in this regard, in capacity of being a citizen of India within the meaning of Section 3 of The Right to Information Act, 2005, following information is being sought under The Right to Information Act, 2005.

1. Provide the Certified Copy of Complete Information (falling within the meaning of Section- 2 (f) read with Section 2(j) of the RTI Act. 2005) along with Note Sheets generated in connection to the aforesaid matter while taking action over the matter and as available on the records of your Public Authority

2 Provide the Certified Copy of the Show-cause Notice bearing Notice No 533/M.O dated 02.12.2021 duly signed by the Commissioner. Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana issued in the matter as mentioned above."

as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **16.2.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.4.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **29.9.2022**.

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- 2. Both parties are absent. This is despite a clear direction at the last hearing on 29.9.2022, to be present in person today. In its Order of 22.7.2022, the Commission directed the PIO to submit a written reply with regard to point No. 1 of the RTI application. Said reply vide Letter No.1591 Dated 21.7.2022, was received by the Commission vide Diary No. 16807 Dated 28.7.2022.
- 3. The Commission has now examined the aforesaid reply received from the respondent PIO-cum-ATP, Zone-B, wherein, the requested information has been denied as personal information as well as under Section 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act, 2005. The Commission has examined the reply alongside the RTI application and hereby upholds the PIO's decision.
- 4. This Appeal is accordingly **Disposed of**.

Sd/(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 25.11.2022