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Sh Ravinder Kumar S/o Sh Shivrath,  
Ward NO-1, Basoli Road,  
Rakkar Colony, Una, Himachal Pradesh.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o EO, Nagar Panchayat,  
Mahilpur.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o SDC, (General),  
Hoshiarpur.

....Respondents

**AC No. 1976 of 2023**

**Present: i) Shri Ravinder Kumar - Appellant – in person**  
**ii) Shri Rajeev Sareen, EO-cum-PIO, Shri Satnam Singh- Accountant, Shri Gulshan Mehta- Advocate, Shri Shish Pal- junior Assistant and Shri Hargopal Singh-Clerk**  
**O/o Nagar Panchayat, Mahilpur – in person**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 15.12.2022 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 23.01.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.03.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today. As per respondent, the information sought is voluminous (around 5000 pages) as the appellant has demanded unspecific information of transactions of quotations/petty works encompassing almost entire record of office of respondent for the period from 01.01.2017 to 30.11.2022 consisting of record of six years and collecting and compiling of such a voluminous information as per format given by the appellant would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority as envisaged u/s 7(9) of the RTI Act. As such, the appellant was asked vide letter dated 27.02.2023 to inspect the record by visiting the office of the PIO on any working day and get the relevant information but the appellant did not turn up. The respondent further states that the information relating to point-2 is available on the website of the department.
3. The appellant comes present in person and states that the RTI application was not replied within the time prescribed under the RTI Act and he received reply only on 27.02.2023.
4. Post deliberations, the Bench observes that though the information sought by the appellant is voluminous but it cannot be denied to him on this pretext. However, asking for information in a particular format is not permissible and is not to be encouraged under the RTI Act. The PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the related records for inspection. After inspection of records by the appellant, the information as is identified by the appellant be provided to him duly attested by the PIO.

5. The appellant is advised to contact Sh.Rajeev Sareen, EO-cum-PIO, Nagar Panchayat, Mahilpur - Mobile No. 9815066801 prior to visiting for inspection of records. 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, upto 500 pages free of cost. If the documents identified by the appellant exceeds 500 pages, the PIO may raise fee as per the RTI Act for the information beyond 500 pages. The information be provided before the next hearing. The PIO and the appellant are directed to come present in person before the Bench to attend the next hearing.

6. 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**