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Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

Versus

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o Pr. Secy,
Local Bodies, Punjab,
Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Pr. Secy,
Local Bodies, Punjab,
Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 2250 of 2023

Present: i) Appellant – Absent
ii) Shri Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant (Municipal Service Cell) O/o O/o
Principal Secretary, Local Govt. - in person

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 11.11.2022 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 12.12.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.04.2023 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 is not specific and is voluminous and it involves multiple PIOs since the appellant has sought information regarding action taken against different illegal colonies and buildings constructed in the jurisdiction of MC Ludhiana. Further the information has to be created which will disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority. The reply to this effect has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 24.12.2022 with a copy to the Commission. The respondent also submits a copy of reply to the Bench which is taken on record.

4. The Bench further observes that the information asked for by the appellant has to be collected, collated and compiled, thereby resulting in wastage of time of multiple PIOs involved. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in matter of CBSE vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay, (2011) 8 SCC 497, held as under:-

“67. Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under the RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counterproductive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of

discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritizing "information furnishing", at the cost of their normal and regular duties.

5. In view of the above, it does not seem to be appropriate for the appellant to seek information which may entail engaging 75% of the employees of a public authority to collect and compile the information for furnishing the same to the appellant. Hence the Bench advises the appellant to go for seeking information by filing separate RTI application before a specific public authority who has its separate PIO.

6. With the aforesaid observations and order, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
22.06.2023

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