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Advocate Tejinder Singh,
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur-144410
District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director,
Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director,
Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 4387 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) Shri Kuldip Singh, Senior Assistant, Municipal Services Cell, O/o Director,
Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent,
in person.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 27.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. The appellant Shri Tejinder Singh does not come present either in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Kuldeip Singh, Senior Assistant O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 23.05.2022 stating that no verification of educational degrees held by Building Inspectors (Tech.) and Assistant Town Planners has been got done.
4. The appellant admits the receipt of letter dated 23.05.2022 and states that he does not agree with the same as a different stand has been taken by the respondents in the Hon'ble High Court. He refers to the letter of Chief Engineer, Municipal Corporations dated 24.08.2021. However, perusal of said letter does not indicate any such fact of verification of degrees having been got done by the respondents.
5. From the perusal of the case file, the Bench observes that the PIO has not filed reply to the show cause notice. However, in view of the submissions made before the Bench by the representative of PIO, the show cause notice is dropped.

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5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO O/o Director, Local Govt. Punjab, Chandigarh to file an affidavit on e-stamp paper within 21 (Twenty one) days duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.4387/2021 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

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

**Chandigarh
01.11.2022**

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