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Shri Sanjot Lal, (78148 00048)

S/o Shri Parshotam Lal, R/o House No 3381/A, Gurcharan Park, Near Kochar Market, New Model Town, Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Station House Officer (S.H.O.), Police Station, Division No. 5, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5271 OF 2022 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

PRESENT: Shri Sanjot Lal, Appellant.

Shri Harpal Singh, Sr. Constable on behalf of the PIO (81468 35786)

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 06.06.2022 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 13.08.2022 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.11.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act) and Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.05.2023.
- 2. The Appellant states that the information sought has not been provided to him, whereas the Respondent states that the information as sought by the appellant is not specific.
- 3. The respondents are being represented by very low level officials who are not in a position to satisfy the commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person less than PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of low level officials will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also award of compensation to the complainant and also recommendation of disciplinary action against PIO under Section 20(2) of RTI Act, 2005.
- 4. In view of the above, the PIO is directed to provide complete information to the appellant, failing which strict action, will be initiated against the PIO as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- 5. The matter is adjourned to 27.06.2023 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645. Both the parties are directed to come to attend the hearing accordingly. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Chandigarh 22.05.2023