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Gurmej Lal,
#1331-5, St. No. 5,
Vishwakarma Bhawan,
Down Canal Road,
Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o EO, Municipal Council,
Mullanpur Dakha.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 2401 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:
(Appellant) Absent
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **10.2.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding maps passed by the MC Mullanpur Dakha**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.3.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **13.5.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.11.2022**.
2. Both parties are absent. The PIO-cum-EO, MC, Mullanpur Dakha, has made a written submission to the Commission vide Letter No. 1334 Dated 10.11.2022, wherein he states that the RTI application Dated 10.2.2022 was received in his office on 22.2.2022, following which an amount of Rs. 2,500.00 as copying cost was sought from the respondent vide Letter No. 658 Dated 29.3.2022. As per the respondent, the appellant has not deposited the said cost, so the information was withheld.
3. The Commission notes that the request for copying cost was made beyond the stipulated period of 30 days. As per the RTI Act, 2005, the information is to be provided free of cost. The respondent PIO is hereby directed to arrange an inspection of the record in his office at 11.00 am on 30.11.2022 and provide duly attested copies of the documents listed by the appellant after said inspection.
4. **Next hearing on 20.1.2023 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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

Chandigarh
11.11.2022