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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,
Samrala.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 2405 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Suresh Kumar, Inspector (for the Respondent) 99886-00175

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **10.2.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding maps passed under the jurisdiction of MC, Samrala**, 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. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Suresh Kumar, Inspector, states that copying costs of Rs. 300.00 was requested from the appellant vide Letter No. 9 Dated 25.3.2022 but the appellant has not deposited the said sum.

3. The Commission notes that the demand for cost of copying the information was made after 30 days from receiving the RTI application and so not admissible as per the RTI Act, 2005. The Commission directs the respondent PIO to arrange for fresh inspection of the concerned record at 11.00 am on 1.12.2022. Up to 100 copies after due attestation are to be provided free of cost. Any additional copies the appellant to deposit cost at the normal rate of photocopying.

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