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FINAL ORDER

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

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 2407 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

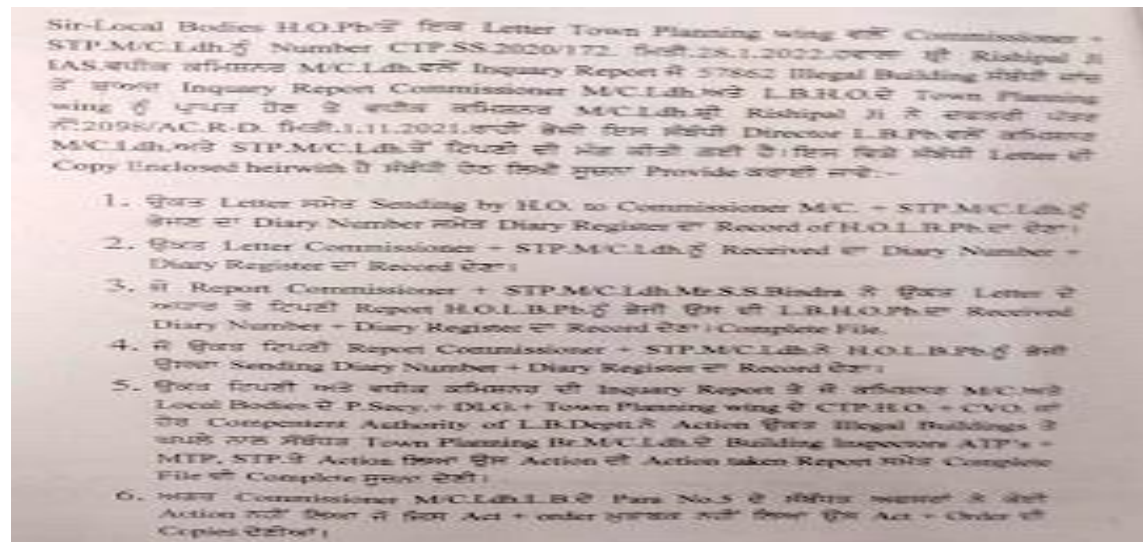
PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Gurpreet Singh, HDM (for the Respondent) 99140-98811

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **17.2.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information:



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**.

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2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO, office of MTP, MC, Ludhiana, has submitted a copy of a reply sent to the appellant along with Letter No. 185 Dated 23.9.2022, resending the earlier reply / information vide Letter No. 60 Dated 14.3.2022. The APIO, office of MTP, has also informed the Commission that the information sought in this RTI application is identical that sought by Sh. Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia in Appeal Case No. 2221 of 2022, which was Disposed of by Ld. SIC Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma on 13.9.2022.

3. The Commission has examined the respondent PIO's reply to the appellant alongside his submission to the Commission regarding the Appeal filed by Sh. Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia (Appeal Case No. 2221/2022). The Commission notes that Sh. Gurmej Lal and Sh. Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia are associates and admittedly belong to the same group of "RTI Activists" who have been appearing together in every hearing before this Bench as well as other Benches of the Commission. The Commission can only wonder about the motives of the appellants Sh. Gurmej Lal and Sh. Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia in filing identical RTI applications and Appeals to this Commission, which is tantamount to gross misuse of the right granted to all citizens under the RTI Act, 2005. With a word of caution to the appellant, the Commission deems it fit to **Dismiss this Appeal.**

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

Chandigarh
11.11.2022