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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal (9814197689)

s/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
#148, Model Town,
Phase-1, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o MC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o MC, Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.:2481 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

(i) Appellant : Sh. Sanjeev Goyal

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Ranbir Singh (SDO), Sh. Sandeep Kataria (Chief Sanitary Inspector), Sh. Amardeep Singh Gill (Secretary)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.12.2022.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. After having detailed discussion with both the parties and examining the case file, it is observed that RTI application in the instant appeal case relate with more than one PIO
4. The undersigned Bench, as per observations made, is of the view that the appellant cannot seek information on single RTI application from multiple authorities. A full Bench of State Information Commission, Punjab in Complaint Case No. 2903 of 2011 has decided on 13.01.2012, which is as under:-
"We hold that under Section (3) of the Act ibid, the legal obligation of a PIO who receives a request for information under Section 6(1) of the Act is limited to transfer this request to only one public authority that holds the information. This obligation does not extend to transfer to multiple authorities.
5. On this, appellant states that information in connection with point no. 2 is required and requests the Commission to direct the concerned respondent PIO to supply the same at earliest.
6. Appellant and respondent PIO, Sh. Rajinder Kumar, Corporation Engineer are directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing at Punjab State Information Commission on **04.07.2023 at 11:30 A.M.** along with directions to bring the relevant record as per point no. 2 of the RTI application, so that case could be concluded accordingly, failing which case will be decided on merit basis. A copy of this order along with RTI application be sent to the respondent PIO, Sh. Rajinder Kumar by name through registered post for his ready reference.
7. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 29.03.2023

(Regd. Post)

Sh. Rajinder Kumar (Corporation Engineer)
O/o MC, Bathinda

Encl. RTI application

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab