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Shri Surinder Singh
S/o Shri Baldev Singh
R/o Chak Manewala Road,
Opp. Chaudhary Marble City,
Jalalabad (West), Distt. Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Dy. Chief Engineer,
Operational Division, PSPCL,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Engineer (Distribution),
West Zone, PSPCL, Bathinda.

....Respondents

AC No. 3848 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Surinder Singh- Absent.**
(ii) **Shri Vipin Kumar, AAE and Shri Gian Chand, Revenue Accountant , PSPCL, City Sub Division, Jalalabad, District Fazilka, in person.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 02.04.2022 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 20.05.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.08.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice for hearing was issued to the parties for 11.10.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Suirnder Singh, Appellant has not come present in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.

3. Shri Vipin Kumar, AEE and Shri Gian Chand, Revenue Accountant, PSPCL City Sub Division, Jalalabad come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. Shri Vipin Kumar states that the information has been sought by the appellant regarding an AP connection of Shri Dalip Singh from whom consent was sought. He has, however refused to share his information. As such, reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 08.06.2022 stating the information sought by him is personal and third party information and has been denied under Section 8(e) of RTI Act. He also produces before the Bench letter dated 08.06.2022 supported by relevant documents.

4. Shri Surinder Singh, appellant is contacted on mobile phone and is made to talk to Shri Gian Chand, R.A. who explains to him the reply given to him denying information being personal and third party information and also explains to him relevant provisions under the Electricity Supply Instruction Manual-2016. Then the Bench talks to the appellant and apprises him that Bench is in agreement with the contention raised by the PIO in denying information to him.

5. The Bench observes that though the appellant is not satisfied with the reply of the PIO. However, the Bench is convinced and there seems to be no reason to continue with the proceedings in the case. As such, the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
11.10.2022**

**Sd/-
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**