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Rajesh Kumar Sharma, S/o Sh. Kans Raj, # 249, Narotam Nagar Extn., Khanna, District Ludhiana – 141 401

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Improvement Trust, Khanna, District Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 2542 of 2021

PRESENT: Rajesh Kumar Sharma (Appellant) 98146-08946 (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 8.10.2021, 10.12.2021, and 1.11.2022)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **25.11.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding building plans of residential and commercial schemes of Narotam Nagar and Narotam Nagar Extension in Khanna, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **4.1.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **31.5.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **1.11.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is present in person. The Commission, however, notes that the respondent PIO-cum-EO, Improvement Trust, Khanna, is absent despite the Show Cause Notice issued to him on 1.11.2022. The Commission takes the respondent PIO's conduct very seriously and give the PIO one final opportunity to address this RTI application.
- 3. The Commission also notes that the appellant Sh. Rajesh Kumar Sharma, has been present at all hearings of this Appeal Case including two hearings in person at Chandigarh. The Commission, deems it an appropriate to award a compensation of Rs. 10,000/- to the appellant Sh. Rajesh Kumar Sharma.
- 4. In view of the harassment and detriment caused to the appellant, <u>Sh. Rajesh Kumar Sharma</u>, this Commission deems it appropriate to award a **compensation of Rupees Ten Thousand (Rs. 10,000.00)**. This is to be paid vide a crossed cheque / demand draft, by the Public Authority, in this instance, <u>the office of Improvement Trust, Khanna</u>, within 15 days of receiving this order. Proof of payment is to be submitted to this Commission.

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5. <u>Next hearing on 31.1.2023 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.</u>

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

Chandigarh 1.12.2022

Cc: Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), Ludhiana, for necessary action.