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S. Sukhwinder Singh Grewal, S/o S. Kulwant Singh Grewal Vill. Khwaj Ke, Post Office Basti Jodhewal, Rahon Road, Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, SGPC, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority O/o The Secretary, SGPC, Amritsar

...Respondent

Appeal Case No.2636 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Simarnjit Singh, PIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 28.04.2020 has sought information on 11 points regarding land given to Saluja SAL Mfg. Co. Ludhiana with terms & conditions- total lease amount and lease amount pending if any – names of officials under whose presence the land was given – details of managers during this period – details of water tubewell installed as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Secretary SGPC Amritsar. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 10.07.2020, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case has come up for **hearing today before this Bench** through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar/Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that the appellant was himself the Manager in the said Gurudwara when the land was given on lease, and now an enquiry is pending against the appellant. The appellant was asked to appear before the enquiry committee, but the appellant did not turn up, and hence his retirement benefits are held up.

The Commission observes that the points raised are an internal matter of the department, which has nothing to do with the sought information. The appellant has every right to seek information that has been sought under the provisions of the RTI Act, and there is nothing on record that bars the appellant from not getting the sought information.

Order

The PIO is directed to provide information to the appellant on all points.

I am marking this to the Secretary-SGPC with the direction to implement the order of the Commission and provide all information available in the record.

No further interference of the commission is required. Case **disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh Dated: 22.11.2022 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner