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Shri Nitin Pratap Singh, # 9, Bank Colony, Patiala.

.....Appellant Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director, Department of Local Govt, Pb Chandigarh.

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....Respondents

AC No. 265 of 2023

Present:

- i) Shri Nitin Partap Singh Appellant in person
- ii) Shri Gautam Kumar, Senior Town Planner and Shri Gurpreet Singh, Building Inspector (Town Planning wing) O/o Local Govt. Pb Chandigarh for the Respondent in person

ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.06.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. As per respondents, the information as available in the official records has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 20.09.2022 and 26.04.2023. The respondent further states that in compliance with the previous order of the Bench, the appellant was called through letter as well as through telephonic call to inspect the record by visiting the office of the PIO and get the relevant information but the appellant did not turn up.
- 3. The appellant has come present in person and states that he has already pointed out the discrepancies in the provided information but the PIO has not resolved the same.
- 4. Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the Bench observes that the appellant basically wants the clarification regarding size of ramps in the plots of size less than 500 sq. yards which actually stands elucidated in the building bye laws. The respondent states that there is no document besides the building bye laws giving clarification on the issue raised.
- 5. Post deliberations, the PIO is again directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the official records. After inspection of records by the appellant, the information as is identified by the appellant be provided to him before the next hearing.
- 6. The appellant is advised to contact Shri Gautam Kumar, Senior Town Planner O/o Local Govt. Pb Chandigarh Mobile No.9872788805 prior to visiting for inspection of records. The PIO is directed to ensure that official records related to RTI application of the appellant are presented for examination and documents as identified are given duly attested by the PIO. The PIO is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice issued during the previous hearing on 15.06.2023. The PIO is also directed to come present in person before the Bench to attend the next hearing.
- 7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Since I am demitting the office on 4th August 2023 and I am left with little time to hear the case further, this case file is sent to the Deputy Registrar to place this case file before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

Chandigarh 05.07.2023 Sd/(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner