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Shri Lajpat Rai Garg  
S/o Shri Harbans Lal  
R/o Romana Street, Jaito,  
Tehsil Jaito, Distt. Faridkot.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Addl. Chief Secretary,  
Local Government, Punjab,  
Chandigarh(Local Govt.-3 Branch)

**Public Information Officer,**  
Superintendent, General Branch  
O/o Directorate of Local Government,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

**Public Information Officer,**  
Superintendent, Establishment Branch  
O/o Directorate of Local Government,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Addl. Chief Secretary,  
Local Government, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.2718 of 2022**

**Present:**

(i)	Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, Appellant- in person.
(ii)	Shri Manoj Kumar, Senior Assistant, Local Govt.-3 Branch O/o Addl. Chief Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh- in person.
(iii)	Shri Rajiv Saggar, Superintendent, Vigilance Cell, O/o Director, Local Govt. Punjab- in person.

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 09.11.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, appellant comes present in person before the Bench. He reiterates his version as made during the previous hearing.
3. Shri Manoj Kumar, Local Govt.-3 Branch, O/o Addl. Chief Secretary, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and reiterates his statement as made during the hearing on 19.10.2022. He further requests for some additional time to enable him to file an affidavit making clear the position regarding the points relating to Local Government-3 Branch.

4. Shri Rajiv Sagar, Superintendent, Vigilance Cell also comes present in person before the Bench and states that he had requested for making available a copy of the RTI application to the PIO/Superintendent, Local Government-3 which has not been made available to him. He further states that today, he has seen copy of RTI application with the appellant and on perusal of the RTI application, he has not found any point of RTI application relating to Vigilance Cell of the office of Director, Local Govt., Punjab and requests for exemption from presence in the further hearings.

5. The appellant, however, contends that the matter does not relate to the PIO/Superintendent, Local Govt. Branch of O/o ACS, Local Govt. and objects to the appearance of Shri Manoj Kumar, Senior Assistant and states that the matter relates to recruitment of employees in Municipal Council, Jaito, the PIOs/Superintendents, General and Establishment Branch of Director, Local Government, Punjab may be impleaded as respondents.

6. As stated by the appellant, the PIOs/Superintendents, General and Establishment Branch of Director, Local Government, Punjab are impleaded as respondents No.3 & 4 and directed to supply information on the points relating to them. The PIO O/o Chief Vigilance Officer in the Directorate of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh is exempted from appearance in the further proceedings of the appeal case.

7. Both the PIO Local Govt.-3 Branch and the PIOs/Superintendents, General and Establishment Branch O/o Director, Local Govt. are directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.01.2023 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh  
09.11.2022**

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

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O/o Directorate of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh.**
- ii) Public Information Officer/Superintendent, General Branch,  
O/o Directorate of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh.**