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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,

Chief Vigilance Officer,
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 Jasbir Singh, Superintendent, Local Govt.-3 Branch O/o Addl.Chief Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh- in person.
- (iii) Shri Rajiv Sagar, Superintendent, Vigilance Cell, O/o Director, Local Govt. Punjab- in person.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 19.10.2022 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 states that he has not been supplied any information so far.
3. Shri Jasbir Singh, Superintendent, 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 states that Shri Manoj Kumar, Senior Assistant had given wrong statement that the matter regarding which information has been sought relates to another Senior Assistant Shri Akhtar Hussain and this matter relates to him only.
4. Shri Rajiv Sagar, Superintendent, Vigilance Cell O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab comes present in person before the Bench that as RTI application is not available with him, he has sought copy of the same from the PIO/Superintendent, Local Govt.-3 Branch vide letter dated 14.10.2022.

4. The appellant, however, contends that the matter does not relate to the Vigilance Cell of Director, Local Govt., rather he has sought information on a letter of Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab and that it is not concerned with the Chief Vigilance Officer of the office of Director, Local Government, Punjab.

5. The PIO/Superintendent, Local Government-3 Branch O/o Addl. Chief Secretary, Local Government, Punjab is directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. Point-wise information as may be identified by the appellant after inspection of records be provided to him before the next hearing.

6. As stated by the appellant, 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 is also 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 07.12.2022 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.**