



Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, (9814197689)

s/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
H.No.148, Model Town,
Phase-I, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o M.C., Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner, MC, Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2720 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

Appellant- Sh. Sanjiv Goyal

Respondent- Sh. Ravi Kumar, Sanitary Inspector (7814044440)-point no. 1

Sh. Sonu Goyal-point no. 12

Sh. Mohit Sharma, JA (9256495152)-Point No.2

Sh. Deepak Mittal, Data Entry Operator-point no. 7 & 8

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.10.2022.
2. In today's hearing, all the parties are present. The respondent Sh. Mohit Sharma, JA states that point No.2 relates with him, the information with regard to his point has been supplied on 22.2.2022 which the appellant affirms that he has received the information with regard to point no.2.
3. The appellant states that information with regard to Point No.1, 3, 5, 7 & 8 is to be received.
4. The respondent Sh. Deepak Mittal states that point No.7 & 8 relate to him for which information has been supplied to the appellant on 07.11.2022.
5. The appellant states that the information received but not attested by the PIO.
6. The respondent states that information with regard to letter No.38 has already been supplied. Sh. Ravi Kumar states that other information relates to the Works Department.
7. After having detailed discussion with the present parties and examining the case file, respondents present for today's hearing are directed to convey message to the concerned PIOs and supply the certified information to the appellant.
8. The undersigned Bench, as per observations made, is of the view that the appellant cannot seek information on single RTI application from multiple authorities. A full Bench of State Information Commission, Punjab in Complaint Case No. 2903 of 2011 has decided on 13.01.2012, which is as under:-
"We hold that under Section (3) of the Act ibid, the legal obligation of a PIO who receives a request for information under Section 6(1) of the Act is limited to transfer this request to only one public authority that holds the information. This obligation does not extend to transfer to multiple authorities."
9. The Bench advised the appellant to go for seeking information by filing RTI application before a specific public authority that has separate PIO.
10. Respondents' present for today to attest the supplied information. With these directions, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 19.01.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab