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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal (9814197689)

s/o Sh. Ashok Kumar, # 148, Model Town, Bathinda - 151001

Public Information Officer

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development), Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development), Bathinda

Respondent

Appellant

Appeal Case No.: 2855 of 2021 At Commission

Versus

Present:

(i) Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, the appellant at PSIC office

(ii) Respondent: Sh. Jagtar Singh (Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Zila Parishad, Bathinda) (9815650004) along with Sh. Samandeep Singh (Clerk) (9478345718) at PSIC office.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.03.2023 vide which it was observed that Sh. Jagdish Rai, Panchayat Secretary was not aware about the facts of this case.

Perusal of the file shows that APIO sent a reply vide letter no. 331 on 24.02.2021 against the RTI application dated 17.02.2021 to the appellant stating therein that requisite information comprising 1300 pages and appellant was asked to deposit the documentation fee amounting Rs. 2,600/-. Another reply vide letter no.186 dated 09.09.2022 addressed to the Commission stating therein that third party information cannot be supplied to the applicant without the prior consent of the parties in question. Both replies were found contradictory in nature.

Show-Cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development), Bathinda.

Respondent PIO was directed to appear in person to clarify the facts regarding contradictory replies and matter was adjourned for further hearing on 19.04.2023 i.e. today.

- 2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
- 3. Respondent, Sh. Jagtar Singh submitted a reply to the Show cause along with reply in connection with contradictory replies (as per previous order of the Commission dated 15.03.2023) vide letter no. 1546 dated 18.04.2023 along with supporting documents, which are considered and taken on record. Accordingly, Show cause which was issued to the respondent PIO vide order dated 15.03.2023 is dropped.
- 4. After having detailed discussion with both the parties, respondent PIO is directed to supply the complete requisite information to the appellant within ten days from today under intimation to the Commission.

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5. Appellant is advised to go through the information and point out discrepancy as per RTI

application within seven days after receipt of information from the respondent PIO, failing

which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard and case will be decided on

merit basis.

6. Both the appear in person on the next date of hearing along with relevant record to clear the

facts, so that case could be concluded on the next of hearing positively.

7. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on 14.06.2023 at 11:00 AM at Punjab State Information

Commission. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Anumit Singh Sodhi) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 19.04.2023 (12:00 Noon)

CC: PS/SIC (APSS)