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Shri Jagtar Singh,
S/o Shri Tarlochan Singh,(9501351755)
Kishan Nagar, P.O: Haryana,
District Hoshiarpur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Haryana,
Distt: Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director,
Local Govt., Jalandhar.

....Respondents

AC No. 2937 of 2022

Present:

- (i) **Shri Jagtar Singh, Appellant, in person.**
- (ii) **Shri Vishal, Junior Assistant O/o Municipal Council, Haryana, District Hoshairpur, on behalf of PIO/Respondent- in person.**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.10.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Jagtar Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that no information has been supplied to him by the PIO.
3. Shri Vishal, Junior Assistant O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Haryana, District Hoshiarpur comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that information is not being accepted by the appellant. Then, on the asking of the Bench, he hands over the same to the appellant in the court itself. He, however, states that position has not been made clear on certain points.
4. The Bench directs the representative of PIO and the appellant to sit together in the adjacent court room, and the representative of PIO is directed to explain the position on each point of RTI application to the appellant and thereafter, appear again before the Bench.

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5. Thereafter, both the appellant and respondent appear before the Bench and the appellant still expresses his dis-satisfaction and states that he has been put to a lot of harassment by the respondent in his effort to obtain information. As per position explained by the appellant, the Bench feels that it is a just case for the award of compensation and awards a compensation of **Rs.5,000/-(Rupees Five thousand only)** to the appellant. The compensation amount must be paid by the respondent PIO O/o Municipal Council, Haryana, District Hoshiarpur through cheque or demand draft in favour of Jagtar Singh from the account of the public authority and not from the individual's account. He is also directed to send a photocopy of the cheque or draft to the Commission as evidence for having paid the compensation.

6. On the asking of the Bench, the representative of PIO states that the information as available in the official records has been supplied to the appellant. The Bench now directs the PIO to file an affidavit on e-stamp paper, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.2937/2022 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties. The case file be sent to the Deputy Registrar, PSIC to ensure compliance of the direction of the Bench i.e. reply to show cause notice, deposit of penalty amount of Rs.5000/- as also filing of affidavit, as directed by the Bench.

**Chandigarh
02.11.2022**

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

Copy to: Deputy Registrar, PSIC for follow up, to ensure compliance of the direction of the Bench.