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Shri Jagdish Kumar, Ward No.3, Street No.9, Raman Cinema Backside MANSA

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Sub-Divisional Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.2, Metro Road, Near Partap Chow, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Club Road, Near Old Courts Ludhiana

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2938 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Jagdish Kumar as the Appellant

Sh.Sanjay Chand, Clerk for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 21.09.2020 has sought information on 12 points regarding expenditure incurred from June 2019 to Aug.2020 for repair/rewinding of electric driven sets on replacement of old sets with new sets – copies of quotations – copy of log book of the scheme – name of scheme where electric driven sets installed in O & M – powers of sanctioning authority – mode of disposal –copy of vouchers etc as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Sub Divisional Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.2, Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 28.12.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has already been heard by Sh.Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner on 05.10.2021, 26.10.2021, 05.01.2022 &25.07.2022.

On the date of first hearing on 05.10.2021, the respondent present informed that the information is voluminous and is now ready with them. The respondent assured to send the same within a day. The respondent was directed to send the information to the appellant. The appellant was directed to point out the discrepancies one he receives the information.

On the date of next hearing on 26.10.2021, the advocate appeared on behalf of the appellant informed that he has received the information on point-3 but the remaining information has not been supplied by the PIO.

The respondent was absent not had complied the order of the Commission to supply the information. The PIO was **issued a show cause notice under section 20 of the RTI Act and directed to file reply on an affidavit.**

On the date of hearing on 05.01.2022, the respondent informed that the information has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 06.10.2021 & 04.01.2022. As per counsel for the appellant, the information was not received by the appellant.

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The respondent was directed to send the information again to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

On the date of the last hearing on 25.07.2022, both parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

The case has come **up for hearing before this bench today** through video conferencing at DAC Mansa/Ludhiana. As per the respondent, the information has been sent again to the appellant vide letter dated 05.08.2022.

As per the appellant, he has not received the information.

Hearing both parties, the respondent is directed to bring the information to the Commission on the next date of hearing. The PIO is also directed to file a reply to the show cause notice.

To come up for further hearing on **28.12.2022** at 11.00 AM at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Dated: 10.11.2022 Sd/(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner