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Varun Malhotra,
3601/2, Sirhandi Bazar,
Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Municipal Corporation,
Patiala.
First Appellate Authority,
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3227 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Varun Malhotra (Appellant)
Sukhamanjpreet Kasur, Building Inspector (for the Respondent) 85590-00151

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 9.11.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **16.12.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding action on the Letter Dated 28.10.2021**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.5.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.7.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **9.11.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The Respondent PIO has sent a reply vide Letter No. 169-170/Bld. Dated 4.3.2022 to the appellant stating that the concerned file had been sent to the Legal Cell and that further action could only be initiated after a report is received from the concerned branch. The appellant, however, insists that the owner of the building cited in the complaint has already been notified and a letter has been sent to the Department of Local Bodies regarding the very building. The appellant alleges serious wrongdoings by officials of the Corporation, who have allegedly permitted illegal construction.

3. In view of the above, the ATP-cum-PIO, M.C., Patiala, is directed to bring the original record pertaining to this RTI application to the Commission in person. Both parties to attend the next hearing in Commission at Chandigarh.

4. **Next hearing on 12.1.2023 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh
16.12.2022