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Mahesh Kumar,
S/o Late Sh. Mohan Lal,
1770/1, Jyoti Ram Street,
Kachna, Patiala.

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 3259 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:
(Appellant) Absent
Narayan Dass, XEN (for the Respondent) 97801-90800

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **12.4.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding MB No. 551**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.5.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.7.2022** 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. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Narayan Dass, XEN-cum-APIO, Civil Branch, states that the requested MB is not available in the office. Said MB was issued to Sh. Harinder Singh, JE, who has since retired and a letter has been written asking him to deposit said MB in the office. As per the respondent, the appellant was informed of the above vide Letter No. 64/SE(C) Dated 25.8.2022.

3. The Commission notes that it is taken four months for the respondent PIO to send a reply to the appellant. It is also noted that beside writing to the retired JE, no other step has been initiated to recover the MB cited in the RTI application. The respondent PIO is hereby directed to conduct another search for the MB No. 551, requested in the RTI application and in the event that the same is still not recovered, requisite steps be initiated as per state government rules under intimation to the Commission. This must be done before the next hearing.

5. Next hearing on 16.12.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.

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

Chandigarh
9.11.2022