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FINAL ORDER

Gagandeep Singh Threke,
208, Aryan Enclave Main Sua Road,
Near Geeta Mandir Chowk,
VPO Threke, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Improvement Trust,
Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
Additional Deputy Commissioner(UD),
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3292 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

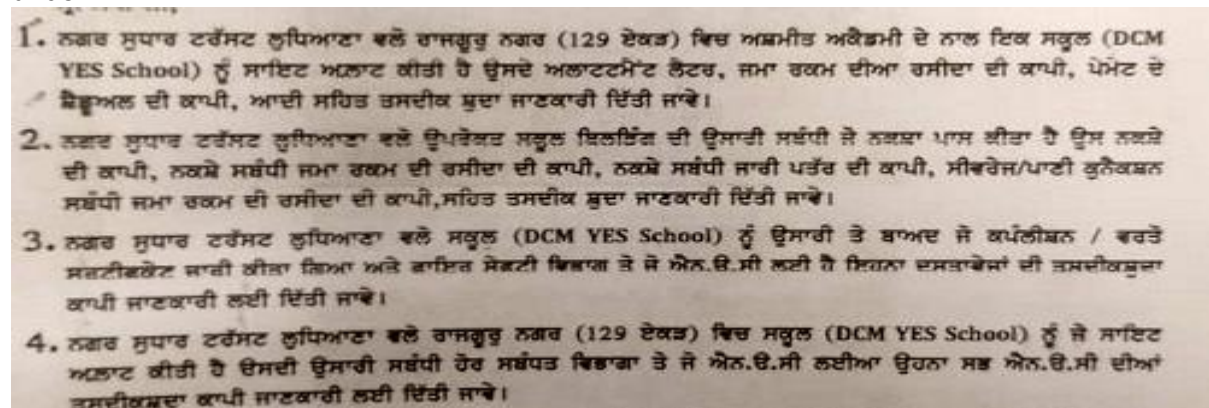
PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Ravinder Kumar, Clerk (for the Respondent) 70095-68538

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **14.4.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information as under:



First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.5.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.7.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **14.10.2022**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. As per the Second Appeal filed by the appellant Sh. Gagandeep Singh Threke, in response to his RTI application Dated 14.4.2022, the respondent PIO had raised a demand of Rs. 9,000/- as copying costs vide Letter No. 1844 Dated 10.5.2022. Notably, the appellant, in an erroneous understanding of the RTI Act, 2005, contends that any demand for costs should not have been made beyond 10 days after the submission of RTI application. However, as per Section 7 of the RTI Act, 2005, the cost of copying the information is to be intimated within 30 days of receipt of the RTI application. It is evident from the perusal of the case file that the respondent PIO raised the demand for copying cost within the period stipulated by the RTI Act, 2005.

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3. In view of the above, the Commission advises the appellant to deposit the requisite copying cost, where after the respondent PIO is directed to supply duly attested copies of the requested information along with a covering letter, to the appellant.

4. This Appeal is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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

Chandigarh
14.10.2022