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Shri Kuldip Singh Walia
S/o Late Shri Harjit Singh
R/o Flat No.B004, Sushma Joynest,
Moh-1, Airport Road PR-7,Chhatt,
Zirakpur, District S.A.S.Nagar(Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Principal Secretary,
Department of Local Govt.,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer/

Superintendent, Local Govt.-3 Branch,
Department of Local Government,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Zirakpur,
District Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Principal Secretary,
Department of Local Govt.,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.3297 of 2022

Present:

(i) **Appellant- absent.**

(ii) **Shri Balwinder Singh, Superintendent, Municipal Council, Zirakpur, District Mohali and Shri Gulshan Mehta, Advocate on behalf of PIO- in person.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.11.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. The appellant Shri Kuldip Singh Walia has not come present in person or through cisco webex..
3. Shri Gulshan Mehta, Advocate along with Shri Balwinder Singh, Supdt., O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Zirakpur , District Mohali come present in person before the Bench. He produces copy of Power of Attorney before the Bench to represent the respondent Municipal Council and states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 13.12.2022, sent by e.mail on 13.12.2022 along with the notices issued to the Builder and also produces a copy of the same before the Bench which is taken on record. He further states that the appellant has raised his grievance vide his complaint dated 24.08.2022 regarding deposit of property tax with regard to which he has sought information under RTI Act.

He further states that the position with regard to the deposit of property tax has been explained in the letter dated 13.12.2022 itself. He also produces before the Bench a decision of the Central Information Commission, New Delhi dated 04.01.2019 wherein it has been held by the Hon'ble Commission that RTI Act is not the proper forum for redressal of grievances and there are other fora for resolving such matters.

4. The Bench, after perusal of the reply of the PIO O/o Municipal Council, Zirakpur and the submissions made by the Counsel for the Municipal Council, is convinced that adequate information stands supplied to the appellant and does not feel need further intervention in the matter.

5. In view of the above, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
14.12.2022**

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