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Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, R/o New Sharma Furniture House, Pratap Bazaar, Cheratta, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o ADC (Urban Development), Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 335 of 2023

Present: i) Appellant - Absent

ii) Shri Paramjit Singh, Junior Assistant O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar - in person.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 18.10.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 13.12.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The case has been heard today. The appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex. He was contacted on his mobile and he informed that the PIO has not supplied information yet.
- 3. The respondent Sh.Paramjit Singh representing the PIO has sought adjournment on the plea that their entire staff has been deputed to make arrangements for G-20 summit and they need additional time to provide information to the appellant.
- 4. There is nothing on record which shows that the RTI application has been attended to by the PIO within the time prescribed under the RTI Act. The PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the official records. After inspection of records by the appellant, the information as is identified by the appellant be provided to him before the next hearing.
- 5. The appellant is advised to contact <u>Shri Paramjit Singh</u>, <u>Junior Assistant Mobile No.9914002711</u> prior to visiting for inspection of records. The PIO is directed to ensure that official records related to RTI application of the appellant are presented for examination and documents as identified are given duly attested by the PIO. The PIO is also directed to come present in person before the Bench to attend the next hearing.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 11.04.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Sd/-

Chandigarh 14.03.2023

(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd)) State Information Commissioner, Punjab