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Suresh Sood,
329, Street Soodan,
Mohalla Sodhian, Moga.

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Moga.
First Appellate Authority,
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Moga.

Appeal Case No. 335 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Suresh Sood (Appellant) 94171-27482
Bantu Singh, PIO-cum-Chief Sanitary Inspector (Respondent)

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **12.4.2022** and **9.9.2022**)

1. The RTI application is dated **21.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the complete movement of the file pertaining to the Department of Local Government Letter No. 53-3SS-MSS-2019/1319 dated 25.2.2020 to the Commissioner Municipal Corporation Moga etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.10.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **7.1.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005. The case was last heard on **9.9.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. As per a reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 516 Dated 15.11.2022, the respondent PIO-cum-Chief Sanitary Inspector, MC, Moga, has informed him that the matter cited in the RTI application is still under enquiry and so the requested information is being denied as per Section 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act, 2005.

3. The Commission however, notes that the aforesaid enquiry is based on a complaint filed by the appellant Sh. Suresh Sood and has been pending for more than two-and-a-half years. As per the appellant, the matter pertains to the misappropriation of government funds in the MC, Moga. In view of the above, the respondent PIO-cum-Chief Sanitary Inspector, is directed to attend the next hearing in person along with original file pertaining to the matter cited in the RTI application. The PIO must also carry attested copies of said file. The Commission will take an informed decision on whether the aforesaid information should be disclosed to the appellant in the larger public interest.

4. Next hearing on 16.12.2022 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
16.11.2022