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Nitin Kumar Garg,
C/o Police Public Dairy,
15 A, Shastri Nagar, Model Town,
Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o District Forest Officer,
Pathankot.
First Appellate Authority,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
North Circle, Hoshiarpur.

Appeal Case No. 3425 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Nitin Kumar Garg (Appellant) 78143-22100

Sanjeev Sharma, APIO-cum-Superintendent (for the Respondent) 96464-50579

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **1.4.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **as enumerated in his RTI application.** First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.5.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.7.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **25.11.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Sanjeev Sharma, APIO-cum-Superintendent, is present at Pathankot. As per the respondent PIO, the RTI application was received in his office on 5.4.2022, where after a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 345 Dated 2.5.2022, wherein he was informed that the requested information was voluminous and inviting him to inspect the record in the office of PIO on 25.5.2022. The appellant however, filed a First Appeal on 26.5.2022. FAA, subsequently directed the respondent PIO to furnish the requested information to the appellant. Vide Letter No. 1123 Dated 21.7.2022, the respondent PIO, raised a demand for Rs. 724.00 as cost of photocopying the requested information.

3. The Commission notes that the PIO did in fact send a reply to the appellant within the stipulated period of 30 days. The respondent PIO is directed to add the cost of sending the information by registered post, to the original cost of Rs. 724.00 and intimate this in a letter to the appellant, with a copy to this Commission. The appellant is thereafter to deposit the requisite sum to obtain the information which must be provided by way of duly attested copies with a covering letter and be sent to the appellant by registered post.

4. Next hearing on 21.2.2023 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
25.11.2022