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**Sh. Inderbir Singh Arora (9417007700)**

s/o Sh. Sardar Singh,  
R/o H.No.239, Cheema Nagar  
Mithapur Road, Jalandhar

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o MC, Jalandhar

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.:3499 of 2022**

**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Karambir Singh Chawla, the appellant in person.  
(ii) Respondent: absent

**ORDER**

1. Refer earlier order dated 2.11.2022 vide which, respondent PIO was absent but was directed to supply point-wise information/reply as per RTI application to the appellant within ten days after receipt of that order along with directions to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 18.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M.
2. In today's hearing, representative of the appellant, Sh. Karambir Singh Chawla states that nothing with regard to requisite information is received even after the ample time has elapsed. He adds that he is not satisfied with the supplied reply dated 14.11.2022.
3. Respondent, Ms. Pooja Maan is absent in spite of registered order issued to the respondent department by the Commission, which is indeed a serious matter as it also leads the delay for the disposal of the instant appeal case.
4. After examining the case file, it is observed that respondent sent a reply dated 14.11.2022 stating as under:

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:- **Appeal Case No. 3499 of 2022.**

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਕੇਸ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਆਪ ਦੀ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ. ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਜ ਨੁਕਤਿਆਂ / ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦਾ ਸਬੰਧ ਬੀ.ਐੱਡ.ਆਰ. ਅਤੇ ਓ.ਐੱਡ.ਐਮ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਨਾਲ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਹੀ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕਰਵਾਇਆ ਜਾਣਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ ਦਾ ਸਬੰਧ ਐਮ.ਟੀ.ਪੀ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਨਾਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਐਮ.ਟੀ.ਪੀ. ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਹੀ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਹਾਈਕੋਰਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਜ ਕੇਸਾਂ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਹੈ। ਜੇਕਰ ਆਪ ਫਿਰ ਵੀ ਆਪ ਐਮ.ਟੀ.ਪੀ. ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਨਾਲ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼/ਫਾਇਲ ਦੇਖਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ, ਤਾਂ ਆਪ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਦਫਤਰੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ / ਫਾਇਲ ਚੈਕ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ।

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5. It is also observed that RTI application of the appellant is voluminous in nature. The Bench, as per observations made above, is of the view that the appellant cannot seek information on single RTI application from multiple authorities. A full Bench of State Information Commission, Punjab in Complaint Case No. 2903 of 2011 has decided on 13.01.2012, which is as under:-

*"We hold that under Section (3) of the Act *ibid*, the legal obligation of a PIO who receives a request for information under Section 6(1) of the Act is limited to transfer this request to only one public authority that holds the information. This obligation does not extend to transfer to multiple authorities.*

6. Respondent PIOs, O/o MTP Branch, O & M Branch, B & R Branch are directed to appear in persons on the next date of hearing positively to clear the facts of this case so that case could be concluded on the next date of hearing positively. A copy of this order be sent to them by name through registered post along with RTI application for their ready reference.
7. Concerned respondent PIOs are also directed to supply the point-wise reply/information to the appellant within ten days after receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.
8. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
9. Matter is fixed for further hearing on **28.03.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Commission office, Chandigarh**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 18.01.2023**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Note:** After the hearing, the respondent, Ms. Pooja Maan approaches the undersigned Bench and she was apprised with today's proceedings.

**Dated: 18.01.2023**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**(Regd. Post)**      **Ms. Pooja Maan (PIO-cum-BI)**  
O/o MTP Branch, MC, Jalandhar

**(Regd. Post)**      **Public Information Officer (By Name)**  
O/o B & R Branch, MC, Jalandhar

Encl. RTI application

**(Regd. Post)**      **Public Information Officer (By Name)**  
O/o O & M Branch, MC, Jalandhar

Encl. RTI application