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...Respondents

Shri Balwinder Kumar, (82649 30817) S/o Shri Jeet Ram, C/o Ankur Modern Library Near Swaran Market, Backside Railway Crossing, Khera Road, Phagwara-144401

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o XEN, Construction Division, PWD (B&R), Nabha, District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Superintendent Engineer, Construction Circle No. 2, PWD (B&R), Patiala.

APPEAL CASE NO. 3686 OF 2022				
<u>.</u> Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/Complaint filed in the Commission
14.05.2022	-	15.06.2022	-	09.08.2022

Present: Appellant:Absent

Respondent: Sh. Jashan Singh (SDO), 9872695373

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with the reference with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 12.12.2022 vide which the Commission observed that the appellant Shri Balwinder Kumar has filled multiple RTI applications from the O/o XEN, Provincial Division PWD (B&R) of various districts of Punjab and when the court asked the appellant that what is the public interest behind it ? then during the hearing no larger public interest was cited by him.

Accordingly the matter was adjourned to the date 20.03.2023 i.e. for today. This decision is being taken to allow the appellant an opportunity to justify that disclosure of such information has relationship to any public activity or interest. But the appellant failed to do so.

2. Moreover, the commission is in receipt of an email dated 20.03.2023 from appellant therein he has requested to close all his five case which have fixed for hearing on 20.03.2023.

<u>It is appalling to note that citizens are using the medium of RTI Act for filing of</u> <u>frivolous and vexatious application and wasting the time and resources of the public</u> <u>authority as well as the Commission.</u>

The Commission does not find any merit in all the 5 cases AC: 3680, 3681, 3683, 3684, 3686/2022 which are fixed for today. No further action lies.

The Appeals are dismissed, accordingly.

Sd/-

(Maninder Singh Patti) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Chandigarh 20.03.2023