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**Sh. Harmilap Singh Grewal(9356200018)**

H.No.22173, Street No.12/2,  
Power House Road, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o M.C, Bathinda

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Commissioner, MC, Bathinda

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 3961 of 2022**  
**Hearing through CISCO Webex**

**Present:**

(i) Appellant: Shri Harmilap Singh

(ii) For the respondent: Shri Gurmail Singh (98153-78449) Fire Officer Bathinda.

**ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 18.04.2022 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 02.06.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.8.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 20.12.2022 i.e. today
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
3. The respondent, Shri Gurmail Singh, Fire Officer states that the documentation fee amounting Rs. 586/- was demanded against the requisite information but not deposited by the appellant till date. He adds that an email dated 15.12.2022 in this regard is also sent to the Commission, which is received and taken on record.
4. The appellant, Sh. Harmilap Grewal states that the respondent PIO is confused as documentation fee is demanded in other case not in this present case. He adds that he had visited the concerned office and he was intimidated by the staff that in this present case soft copy of the information will be supplied.
5. After having the point wise discussion with the present parties, I am of the view that the concerned PIO is directed to send letter again to the appellant regarding documentation fee within a week through registered post in connection with this case with a copy to the Commission.
6. The appellant is directed to deposit the demanded fees within seven days after receipt of letter regarding fee.
7. In view of above, the PIO concerned is directed to supply the information to the appellant through registered post or by hand after receiving the requisite fees from the appellant within ten days 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. With the aforesaid directions, this case is adjourned. To come up on **28.03.2023 at 11:00 A.M.** through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties. (Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632.

**Dated: 20.12.2022**

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