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Shri Nitin Kumar Tayal,
Founder, The Gats Urban Cooperative
Thrift & Credit Society Ltd.,
SCO 1-3B, Swami Vivekanand Vridhasharam
Market, B-Block, Model Town Extension,
Ludhiana-141002.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Dy. Chief Engineer,
Guru Gobind Singh Super Thermal Power Plant,
PSPCL, Roopnagar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Dy. Chief Engineer,
Guru Gobind Super Thermal Power Plant,
PSPCL, Roopnagar.

....Respondents

AC No. 40 of 2023

Present: i) **Appellant- absent.**
ii) **Shri Rajesh Kumar, Addl.S.E. and Shri Mohinder Pal, Technician Grade-1, GGSSTP, PSPCL, Ropar on behalf of the PIO- in person.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 24.09.2022 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 09.11.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.03.2023. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Nitin Kumar Tayal, appellant has neither come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. He has, however, sent an e.mail dated 22.02.2023 stating that the PIO vide letter dated 19.10.2022 has provided him incomplete and misleading information.

3. Shri Rajesh Kumar, Addl.S.E., GGSSTP, PSPCL, Roopnagar comes present in person before the Bench and states that the appellant has sought action taken on his e.mail earlier sent regarding the recovery of loan given by his Society to Shri Budh Ram working in GGSSTP, Roopnagar and information in this regard has already been sent to him. He further states that another Appeal Case No.979 of 2022 seeking same information has been disposed off and closed by this Hon'ble Bench. He

further states that on enquiring from Shri Budh Ram, who is employee of GGSSTP, Roopnagar, he has denied receipt of any loan from the society of appellant . The respondent further states that the appellant was afforded opportunity of hearing before First Appellate Authority on 05.12.2022 and 15.12.2022 but the appellant did not appear.

4. Shri Nitin Kumar Tayal, appellant is contacted on his mobile phone and is made to talk to the respondent, who explains to him the entire position with regard to his RTI application also the denial of Shri Budh Ram of taking any loan from the appellant's society. The appellant is, however, not satisfied with the statement of the respondent. Then the Bench talks to him and apprises him that whatever the respondent has stated before the Bench, he is being directed to give it in the form of an affidavit on e-stamp paper.

5. In view of the discussions as above, the notified PIO is directed to file an affidavit on e-stamp paper, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.40 of 2023 has been provided to the appellant. It be further clarified that the issue relating to giving of loan to Shri Budh Ram, an employee of GGSSTP, Roopnagar is a personal matter between the appellant and Shri Budh Ram and authorities of GGSSTP, Roopnagar are not accountable for that and further, denial of Shri Budh Ram in taking any loan has already been conveyed to the appellant in another AC No.979 of 2022, which stands disposed off. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the aforesaid directions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
01.03.2023

Sd/-
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab