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Shri Surinderpal Singh, # 804, MIG Flat, Jamalpur Colony, Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer** O/o Commissioner, MC, Zone-D, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority** O/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana.

## AC No. 412 of 2023

....Respondents

.....Appellant

PRESENT :(i)Appellant- absent.(ii)Shri Harjit Singh, Drafts Man, Zone-D O/o MC, Ludhiana on behalf of the<br/>respondent - in person,

## ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 28.07.2021 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 21.09.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.03.2023. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. The appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex nor any intimation has been given by him in this regard.

3. The respondent states that information/reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 30.11.2022 by registered post. Subsequently, no observations have been received from the appellant.

4. Since the appellant is absent, he is contacted on his mobile phone however, he does not respond. After deliberations with the respondent, the notified PIO is now directed to file an affidavit in AC No.412 of 2023 on e-stamp paper within twenty one days (21 days) duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as asked for by the appellant regarding newspaper cutting report dated 17.07.2021 does not exist in official records. 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.

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

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

Chandigarh 15.03.2023