



Shri Bharat Bhushan,
S/o Shri Manmohan Rai,
H. No. 2545/2, Improvement Trust Chowk,
Opp. Pakki Gali, Near Mehra Goods Transport,
Mahan Singh Gate, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 425 of 2023

Present: i) Shri Bharat Bhushan - Appellant - in person
ii) **None for the Respondent**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.05.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. As per appellant, he has not been provided any information so far.
3. The respondent is absent nor is represented and has not filed reply to the show cause notice issued during the hearing on 09.03.2023 for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act. As per record, the information relates to PIO-Municipal Town Planner (MTP) O/o MC Amritsar.
4. Earlier order stands. The PIO-MTP O/o MC Amritsar is directed to comply with the earlier order of the Bench and file reply to the show cause notice issued on 09.03.2023 otherwise it will be presumed that the PIO has nothing to say on the matter and the Commission will initiate penal proceedings against the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act. The PIO is also directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the official records. After inspection of records by the appellant, the information as is identified by the appellant be provided to him before the next hearing. The PIO is directed to ensure that official records related to RTI application of the appellant are presented for examination and documents as identified are given duly attested by the PIO. The PIO is also directed to come present in person before the Bench to attend the next hearing.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the **matter is adjourned**. Since I am demitting the office on 4th August 2023 and I am left with little time to hear the case further, this case file is sent to the Deputy Registrar to place this case file before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

Chandigarh
17.07.2023

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

CC to Public Information Officer-cum-
Municipal Town Planner,
O/o Commissioner, MC Amritsar.