



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. 426 of 2023

Present: i) Shri Bharat Bhushan – Appellant – in person
ii) Shri Jaswinder Singh, Suptd. (Property Tax Branch) O/0 MC Amritsar for the Respondent/ PIO – in person

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 09.03.2023 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. As per respondent, property tax returns cannot be traced out without the ID Number of property tax receipts and the appellant was asked vide letter dated 30.12.2022 to send ID number of related property tax receipts which the appellant did not send and thus the information was not provided.
4. Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission observes that the appellant has sought action taken report on his complaint dated 27.09.2022 alongwith relevant noting/correspondence which the PIO has not provided. The PIO is directed to provide action taken report on the complaint of the appellant dated 27.09.2022 alongwith relevant noting/correspondence to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. The PIO is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice issued on 09.03.2023 for wilful denial of information and for non-appearance before the Commission on the hearings 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 and the appellant are directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next date of hearing.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 17.07.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
16.05.2023

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