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Shri Laipat Rai Garq S/o Shri Hasbans Lal R/o Romana Street, Jaito Tehsil Jaito. District Faridkot.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Addl.Chief Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority O/o Addl.Chief Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.4292 of 2022

- Shri Lajpat Rai, Appellant- in person. Present: (i)
 - (ii) Smt. Sandeep Kaur, Senior Assistant and Smt. Paramjit Kaur, Clerk, Local Govt.-3 Branch, Local Govt. Deptt., on behalf of PIO/Respondent-in person.

ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 05.01.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Laipat Rai, comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that no information has been supplied yet.
- 3. Smt.Sandeep Kaur, Senior Assistant, Local Govt.-3 Branch, O/o Addl. Chief Secretary, Local Government Department, Punjab comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench on behalf of PIO.
- 4. The Bench observes that during the hearing on 30.11.2022, Shri Manoj Kumar had sought additional time to enable them to supply information to the appellant and he had also stated that similar information has already been supplied to the appellant in other appeal cases by the court of Hon'ble CIC and Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg. However, he had not specifically mentioned the appeal case numbers.
- 4. In spite of the previous order containing the aforesaid observations, the PIO, Local Govt.-3 O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt. Deptt. has not taken pains to reply to the observations raised by the Bench and has also not filed reply to the show cause notice. Today, Smt. Sandeep Kaur has come present, but she is not equipped with the facts of the appeal case.

- 5. The PIO, Local Govt.-3 Branch O/o Addl.Chief Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab is directed to to ensure to send point-wise information to the appellant as also clarifying against each point the Branch with which it relates in case it does not relate to Local Govt.-3 Branch, before the next hearing as also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 20.04.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 15.02.2023

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