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Simranjit Singh,
S/o Sh. Jagdish Singh,
#93, Adarsh Nagar,
Jalandhar.

Versus

Third Party,
Sh. Manjot Singh,
S/o Shri Labh Singh,
C/o M/s Harjas Petrol Pump,
10, Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar,
Jalandhar.
Public Information Officer,
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
Jalandhar.
First Appellate Authority,
Deputy Commissioner,
Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No. 4387 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Amrit Pal Singh, JA (for the Respondent) 70097-24851

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **13.6.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Retail Outlet/Petrol Pump**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.7.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.9.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **17.1.2023**.

2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO states that the information requested pertains to Private Petrol Pump wherein the owner of the Petrol Pump/third party was notified as per Section 11(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 and that said party refused consent for disclosure of the requested information.

3. The Commission has examined the RTI request and is of the view that the information requested pertains to No Objection Certificates obtained by the owner of the Petrol Pump from various Government Offices before he was accorded sanction to operate the Pump. It is not third party information and therefore does not qualify for any exemption.

4. However, in the interest of fair play in justice, the Commission grants the said third party M/s Harjas Petrol Pump, the opportunity to be heard in person or by way of written submission at the next hearing.

5. The respondent PIO is meanwhile directed to submit a reply to the RTI application along with attested copies of the requested information, to the Commission before the next hearing. The Commission will take an informed decision in this Appeal Case after hearing the third party.

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6. Next hearing on 1.3.2023 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Jalandhar.

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh
17.1.2023