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Shri Chanderdeep Maggu,
Advocate, Chamber No.172,
Block C, District Court Complex,
Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o District Development &
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.),
Fazilka.

...Respondents

AC No.4430/2021

Present:

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Kanwaljit Singh, BDPO, Fazilka,
PIO/Respondent- in person.

ORDER

(Heard in person/on mobile)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 18.10.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Chanderdeep Maggu, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Kanwaljit Singh, Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Fazilka, comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 11.10.2022 by registered post, except the copies of MBs and Vouchers. He further states that the present J.E. has given in writing that the MBs as asked for by the appellant, which were held by the previous J.E. who has since expired, are not available in the official records with him. As regards copies of vouchers, the present Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Dhani Mohan Ram, Shri Surja Ram has brought to his notice that the voucher files have not been handed over to him by the previous Panchayat Secretary, Shri Balwinder Singh who is presently under suspension.
4. The appellant is contacted on mobile phone and he is apprised of the statement of Shri Kanwaljit Singh, BDPO, Fazilka as made before the Bench. Then he is apprised that in view of the statement of BDPO, the Bench has no option but to direct the PIO to file an affidavit in this regard.



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5. In view of the above, the Bench directs the PIO, Shri Kanwaljit Singh, BDPO Fazilka to file an affidavit on e-stamp paper, within 21 (Twenty one) days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records with the Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Dhani Mohna Ram, in AC No.4430 of 2021 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that the information relating to M.Bs. which were held by the previous Junior Engineer who has since expired, are not available with the present Junior Engineer who has also given in writing to this effect. It be further stated that the information relating to voucher files as sought by the appellant, have not been handed over to the present Panchayat Secretary, Shri Surja Ram by previous Panchayat Secretary, Shri Balwinder Singh who is presently under suspension. It be also 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.

6. In view of the submissions made by the PIO O/o BDPO, Fazilka before the Bench, the show cause notice issued to the PIO on 19.01.2022 is dropped.

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

**Chandigarh
21.11.2022**

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