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Shri Deven Munjal, Advocate,
Ward No.19, Street No.4, Roopnagar,
Giddarbaha.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Punjab State Warehousing Corporation,
Giddarbaha Division, Sri Mukatsar sahib.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Punjab State Warehousing Corporation,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 355 of 2023

Present:

- (i) **Shri Deven Munjal, the appellant-in person.**
(ii) **Smt. Gursharan Kaur, APIO-cum-ASTO, Shri Sunil Kumar Goyal, Godown Assistant Inspector and Shri Ram Lal, DEO, the respondent-in person.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 28.12.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 12.02.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.03.2023. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. The appellant states that he has received information which is partial and certain details have been deliberately withheld.
3. The respondents state that information as per official records has been provided to the appellant by hand on 16.03.2022 before their First Appellate Authority i.e. Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Chandigarh.
4. After hearing the versions of the respondents, it emerges that respondents are giving evasive replies to withhold certain information. This attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely. The appellant is advised to send the observations in writing to the respondent with a copy to the Bench. The respondent thereafter is directed to provide the point wise specific reply on each and every point of the RTI application to the appellant before the next hearing.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.05.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
15.03.2023

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