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Shri Baljeet Singh,  
Civil Engineer, RTI Activist  
# 64-H, B.R.S. Nagar,  
Ludhiana-141012.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Local Government, Punjab,  
Punjab Municipal Bhawan,  
Sector-35, Chandigarh..

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Local Government, Punjab,  
Punjab Municipal Bhawan,  
Sector-35, Chandigarh..

....Respondents

**AC No.4468 of 2022**

**Present:**

- (i) Appellant- absent.  
(ii) Shri Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant, Municipal Services Cell, office of Director, Local Govt., Punjab, on behalf of PIO/Respondent-in person.

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 20.06.2022 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 07.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.09.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Baljeet Singh, Appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. He, however, has informed through a telephonic message that he is unable to attend the hearing today.
3. Shri Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant, Municipal Services Cell, office of Director, Local Govt., Punjab, comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. He produces before the Bench letter dated 11.11.2022 addressed to this Bench with a copy to the appellant. He further states that the reply has been given to the appellant by e.mail as well as by registered post. The respondent reiterates the contents of the letter and states that information

regarding 18 employees has been given on the basis of official records. The position has also been clarified regarding cancellation of promotion orders/ reversions of the employee who had obtained diploma through distance education mode. It has been further stated that CWP No.31357/2018 regarding similar matter is pending in the Hon'ble High Court and whatever decision is taken in that writ petition, the same would be applicable in case of all employees who have obtained diploma through distance education mode. The said letter also contains the opinion of the Advocate General, Punjab and as such, no action has yet been taken regarding reversion of such 18 employees.

4. The Bench, on perusal of the RTI application, the letter dated 11.11.2022, is convinced that the reply, as deemed fit in view of the facts explained in the letter, stands given to the appellant and the Bench does not feel need for further intervention in the matter.

5. In view of the above, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
15.11.2022**

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