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Shri Rajeev Kumar, (M: 98760-74736)

R/o 126, Jawahar Nagar, Near Bright Way School, Batala Road, Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o The Municipal Town Planner, Municipal Corporation, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

....Respondents

.....Appellant

AC No. 4565 of 2022

- Present: (i) Shri Rajeev Kumar, Appellant: in person.
 - (ii) None on behalf of the Respondent / PIO.

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 17.11.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Rajeev Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that no information has been provided by the PIO.
- 3. The PIO office of MTP, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar has neither come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing nor any intimation has been received from him in this regard.
- 4. The Bench expresses displeasure on the absence of PIO and observes that the PIO was absent during the previous hearing also without any intimation to the Bench and thus, he was issued show cause notice for the absence and non supply of information to the appellant.
- 5. On ascertaining from the attendance in other cases, the Bench observes that Shri Meharban Singh, is the Municipal Town Planner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar. He is contacted on his mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench regarding his absence for today's hearing, he shows ignorance

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about the hearing. Then, he is made to talk to the appellant and the appellant explains to him the details of information sought as also his meeting with the Building Inspector, Ms. Rohini as advised by the Joint Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar with regard to his RTI application.

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6. Post deliberations, the PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant after inspection of records will identify the information sought by him as per his RTI application. The PIO is directed to supply the information so identified to the appellant before the next hearing. He is further directed to file reply to the show cause notice as also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 05.01.2023 at 11.30 am before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 12.12.2022

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