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RED CROSS BUILDING, NEAR ROSE GARDEN,  
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Shri Vikrant Sharma  
S/o Shri Krishan Lal Shastri  
R/o Mohalla Vikas Chowk,  
Tehsil Phillaur-144410  
District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Fire Brigade,  
Municipal Corporation, Phagwara  
District Kapurthala.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation, Phagwara  
District Kapurthala.

....Respondents

**AC No. 46 of 2023**

**Present:** i) **Shri Vikrant Sharma, appellant- in person.**  
ii) **Shri Ravinder Kumar, Sub Fire Officer and Shri Deepak Kumar, Fireman,  
Municipal Corporation, Phagwara, on behalf of PIO- in person.**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 20.02.2022 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 03.04.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.03.2023. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Vikrant Sharma, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. Shri Ravinder Kumar, Sub Fire Officer and Shri Deepak Kumar, Fireman, Municipal Corporation, Phagwara come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO. Shri Deepak Kumar states that reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 16.03.2022 that the information sought by him is personal and third party information. On enquiring from him as to how the copy of NOC issued to the educational institutions mentioned in the RTI application is third party and personal as the educational institutions are for the welfare of the general public. The Bench observes that both the respondents have no knowledge of the issues raised by the appellant in the RTI application. In fact, both of them are not seized of the matter and are ignorant about the facts of the case.

4. The Bench also peruses the RTI application of the appellant and finds that information sought by the appellant is voluminous but in public interest and needs to be provided.

5. In view of the observations as made above, the Bench directs the notified PIO of Municipal Corporation, Phagwara to provide point-wise information to the appellant before the next hearing. He is advised to apprise the Commission as to whether the information sought by the appellant involves one single PIO or it involves more than one PIOs in view of the information sought relating to other issued connected with the issuance of NOC. The PIO is also directed to come present in person before the Bench, failing which the Bench will be constrained to issue BAILABLE WARRANT for the PIO to ensure his presence before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 09.05.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh  
01.03.2023

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

**Copy to(By Regd.Post):**

**The Commissioner (By Name), Municipal Corporation, Phagwara, He is directed to look into the matter and to see as how the RTI applications are handled in the Municipal Corporation, Phagwara. To depute officials to attend the hearing who are not well versed with the facts of the case amounts to wastage of time of the Commission. The officer/official who is fully equipped with the factual position of the case be deputed in future in the appeal cases**

Chandigarh  
01.03.2023

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