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Shri Mangal Singh (Sub Advisor)
Handicap Welfare Union, Punjab,
S/o Shri Shingara Singh
R/o Village Guruwali,
Tehsil & District Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o The Director,
Local Govt., Punjab,
Punjab Municipal Bhawan,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

Superintendent, Establishment Branch
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

Municipal Services Cell,
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Punjab Municipal Bhawan,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

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

....Respondents

AC No. 4686 of 2022

Present:

- (i) **Shri Mangal Singh, Appellant- in person.**
- (ii) **Smt. Sunita Sharma, Superintendent/PIO, and Shri Amit Kumar, Sr. Assistant, General Branch, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh-in person.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 29.06.2022 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 05.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Mangal Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that no information sought regarding the handicapped quota in respect of Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayats has been made available.

3. Smt. Sunita Sharma, Superintendent/PIO, and Shri Amit Kumar, Sr. Assistant, General Branch, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh come present in person before the Bench. The PIO states that information sought by the appellant relates to the non-provincialised cadre and as such, the same has to be supplied by the respective Urban Local Bodies and reply to this effect has already been given to the appellant vide letter dated 12.08.2022.

4. The appellant contends that when the policy/instruction with regard to the information sought by him are issued by the Director, Local Government, the information has to be supplied by the Directorate of Local Govt., Punjab. On the asking of the Bench, the PIO explains that with regard to the engagement of Sweepers and Sewermen by the Urban Local Bodies on contract/DC Rate/Outsource basis, the respective Urban Local Bodies have to pass resolution which are routed through the Directorate of Local Govt. for approval from the Local Govt. Minister concerned. She also states that in this connection, the Municipal Services Cell and Establishment Branch of Directorate of Local Government also need to be made respondents.

5. As per version of the PIO/Superintendent, General Branch, the PIOs of Municipal Services Cell and Establishment Branch of the office of Director, Local Government, Punjab are impleaded as respondent No.2 and 3. They are directed to supply information relating to them before the next hearing.

6. The Bench directs all the PIOs of General Branch, Establishment Branch and Municipal Services Cell in the Directorate of Local Government, Punjab to ensure to come present to clarify the position in this regard and put forth their before the Bench.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 14.12.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
23.11.2022**

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

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