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Shri Naresh Chander Gupta,
S/o Shri Amar Nath,
Flat 1001, Tower-1, Motiaz Royal City,
Ambala Road, Zirakpur, Distt. Mohali.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o PUDA, Punjab
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o PUDA, Punjab
Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No. 4882 of 2022

Present: i) **Shri Naresh Chander Gupta, appellant in person.**
ii) **Shri Raj Kumar Bansal, Admn. Officer/PIO, O/o PUDA, Mohali-cisco webex.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 30.07.2022 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 30.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Naresh Chander Gupta, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. Shri Raj Kumar Bansal, Admn. Officer/PIO, PUDA, Mohali attends the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the RTI application was transferred to GMADA, Mohali under Section 6(3) of RTI Act vide letter dated 08.12.2022 and that PIO, GMADA has further transferred the same to Municipal Council, Zirakpur under Section 6(3) of RTI Act.
4. The appellant objects to the version of the PIO O/o PUDA and the PIO O/o GMADA regarding the transfer of RTI application to the Municipal Zirakpur and states that he has sought information with regard to Royal City, Zirakpur under the provisions of Punjab Apartment Ownership (Amendment) Bill, 2021 which has to be supplied by PUDA, Mohali.

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5. The Bench, on perusal of the contents of RTI application and hearing the version of appellant, does not agree with the action taken by PUDA and GMADA, Mohali whereby the RTI application has been transferred to Municipal Council, Zirakpur and it amounts to shifting of responsibility to another without going into the contents of the RTI application minutely. The Bench directs the PIO O/o PUDA, Mohali to give point-wise reply to the appellant as per provisions of Punjab Apartment Ownership (Amendment) Bill, 2021 in English language as he does not know the Punjabi language and the same be sent by registered post.

6. With the aforesaid discussions, **the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 09.02.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.12.2022**

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