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Shri Gurmej Lal, whistle Blower, NCAG Office, Street NO.5, # H.No.1331-5, Vishawkarma Bhawan, Down Canal Road, Simlapuri, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana(Zone-C).

First Appellate Authority O/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

<u>AC No. 489 of 2023</u> Present: i) Shri Gurmej Lal – Appellant – through cisco webex ii) Shri Rakesh Singla, XEN-cum-PIO(B&R) Zone-C O/o MC Ludhiana – in person.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 24.07.2022 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 25.10.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 09.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The case has been heard today. As per appellant, the PIO has not supplied any information so far.

3. As per respondent, the information is voluminous and not specific and a reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 10.10.2022 with a copy to the Commission through email.

4. Having gone through the RTI application and reply of the PIO, the Commission finds that the reply is not specific and vague. The PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the official records. After inspection of records by the appellant, the information as is identified by the appellant be provided to him before the next hearing.

5. The appellant is advised to contact <u>Shri Rakesh Singla, XEN-cum-PIO(B&R) Zone-C -</u> <u>Mobile No.9780039489</u> prior to visiting for inspection of records. The PIO is directed to ensure that official records related to RTI application of the appellant are presented for examination and documents as identified are given duly attested by the PIO. The PIO is also directed to come present in person before the Bench to attend the next hearing.

With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on
 22.05.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 16.03.2023 Sd/-(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd)) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

