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Shri Ashok Kumar,
214, Pine Homes,
Dhakoli, Zirakpur Distt. SAS Nagar(Mohali)

... Appellant

Versus

(1) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Addl. Deputy Commissioner,
(Urban Development)
Faridkot

(2) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Kotkapura

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Addl. Deputy Commissioner,
(Urban Development)
Ferozepur

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4896 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 19.06.2021 has sought information on 08 points regarding copy of application alongwith attached documents filed by Pankaj Bindal for approval of map/drawing of building on plot backside of Aggrwal Sabha Kotkapura – copy of documents submitted by Pankaj Bindal filed online dated 26.06.2019 – copy of approval of building plan – copy of approved map – copy of file/noting/remarks with documents relating to deposit of fee – copy of visiting reports/recommendations by MC officials as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Deputy Director, Local Govt. Bodies Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 09.08.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was first heard by Sh.Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner on 04.04.2022. The Commission received a letter from the Suptd. O/o ADC(UD) Ferozepur intimating the commission that after dissolution of office of Regional Deputy Director, it has been changed to Additional Deputy Commissioner(Urban Development) and the record has been sent to the concerned ADC(UD) Faridkot. Further since the information relates to EO-NC Kotkapura, the RTI application was transferred to them under section 6(3) of the RTI Act. with a copy to the appellant.

The appellant claimed that the office of PIO-NC Kotkapura has not supplied the complete information. The PIO-NC Kotkapura was impleaded in the case and directed to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing to represent the case.

On the date of next hearing on 27.07.2022, the respondent was again absent nor had provided the information. The PIO-cum-EO-NC Kotkapura was **issued a show cause notice** under section 20 of the RTI Act and directed to file reply on an affidavit. A copy of the order was sent to the Director, Local Govt. Pb Chandigarh to ensure compliance of the order.

The case has come **up for hearing before this bench today** through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. Both parties are absent.

There is nothing on record which shows that a reply to the show cause notice has been filed by the PIO-cum-EO-NC Kotkapura. The PIO-NC Kotkapura is given one last opportunity to file reply to the show cause notice otherwise it will be presumed that he/she has nothing to say on the matter and the Commission will take a decision ex-parte.

To come up for further hearing on **11.01.2023** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

Chandigarh
Dated: 10.11.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner