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Shri Jaskaur Singh
S/o Shri Harbans Singh
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Eco City, New Chandigarh(Punjab)
Pin-140901.

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Mandi Dabwali, Distt. Sirsa, Haryana.

Versus

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Malout, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Malout, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.Respondents

AC No. 491 of 2023

Present: (i) **Shri Jaskaur Singh, Appellant in person.**
(ii) **Shri Paramjit Singh, Junior Assistant O/o Tehsildar, Malout,
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- in person.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 06.10.2022 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 29.11.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 10.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.02.2023. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Jaskaur Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has sought information with regard to the land acquired for Bathinda, Malout, Abohar road. He further elaborates that there has been large scale corruption in this work and he needs the information to expose the scam.

3. Shri Paramjit Singh, Junior Assistant O/o Tehsildar, Malout comes present in person before the Bench and states that the information sought is in question form. Then, on the asking of Bench, he reads out the information sought on each point. The Bench rules out the contention of the PIO that the information sought is in question form and directs the PIO to address each issue raised by the appellant before the next hearing.

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4. Post deliberations with the appellant and respondent, on the asking of the Bench if the appellant could visit the office of SDM Abohar, he refuses to do so as he fears threat to his life. On enquiring from the respondent, he states that SDM Malout is also the Land Acquisition Collector in matter of land acquisition.

5. The Bench observes that the appellant has levelled allegations of large scale corruption in the acquisition of land/construction of road as mentioned in RTI application. As such, the Bench directs the Tehsildar, Malout and the SDM Malout both to provide point wise information to the appellant before the next hearing as also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing along with the original relevant record..

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 27.03.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
20.02.2023**

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