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Shri Sukhbir Singh Mahal,  
R/o 816, Diamond Avenue,  
Majitha Road,  
Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Amritsar.

....Respondents

**AC No. 4948 of 2022**

**Present:** i) **Shri Sukhbir Singh Mahal, appellant in person.**  
ii) **Shri Dheeraj Kumar, Building Inspector, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar,  
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- in person.**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 13.06.2022 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 19.07.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.10.2022 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 Sukhbir Singh Mahal, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Dheeraj Kumar, Building Inspector, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. He states that point-wise information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 23.12.2022 and copy has been sent to Hon'ble Commission by e.mail.
4. The appellant is contacted on his mobile phone and made to talk to the respondent Shri Dheeraj Kumar who apprises the appellant of the reply sent to him. Then, the Bench talks to the appellant who expresses dis-satisfaction over the reply of PIO.

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5. The Bench peruses the reply of the PIO and observes that the same is inappropriate and ridiculous as the term used 'open market' is not appropriate in the context referred to in the reply. The PIO is directed to reply appropriately to the appellant quoting the relevant website and the Link to access the information as sought by the appellant, before the next hearing. Reasons sought by the appellant on Point No.4 of his RTI application amount to asking question & opinion and has rightly been denied.

6. The PIO and the appellant are directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid discussions, **the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 09.02.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
26.12.2022**

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