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Shri Ashok Kumar Watts, H.No. B-V-1534, Street No.1, Lajpat Nagar, Abohar, Distt: Fazilka.

.....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Municipal Corporation, Abohar, District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority O/o Commissioner, O/o Municipal Corporation, Abohar, District Fazilka.

....Respondents

AC No. 4956 of 2022

Present: i) Shri Ashok Kumar Watts, appellant- in person.

ii) Shri Pankaj, Supervisor (Outsourced), Sale of Land Branch, Municipal Corporation, Abohar on behalf of the PIO- in person.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 15.07.2022 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 22.08.2022 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 21.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Ashok Kumar Watts, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has not been given correct and complete information so far.
- 3. Shri Pankaj, Supervisor (O/S), Sale of Land Branch, Municipal Corporation, Abohar comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO and states that information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 07.09.2022 by registered post.
- 4. The appellant admits receipt of letter dated 07.09.2022. However, he states that information regarding letter No.37 dated 01.06.2022 has not been provided. On the asking of the Bench, the respondent talks to the official concerned in M.C. Abohar and makes the Bench to talk to him. He apprises the Bench that the same relates to Works Branch which has a separate PIO.
- 5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the respondent present on behalf of Sale of Land Branch to ensure that the information on said letter is provided to the appellant on priority. He assures the Bench that he will ensure to provide the requisite information to the appellant on priority.

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6. This is also an appeal case which involves multiple PIOs. The appellant is advised to file RTI application involving only one PIO in future. Addressing multiple PIOs in single RTI application results in wastage of time of Public Authority and is not cost effect in terms of man hours involved in collecting and compiling the information.

7. With the aforesaid directions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.**Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 21.12.2022 Sd/-(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma(Retd)) State Information Commission, Punjab