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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal(9814197689)
S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar(RTI Activist)
Secretary Grahak Jago,
148, Model Town, Phase-I
Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o GM, PRTC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o HO, PRTC, Patiala

Respondent

Appeal Case No.:4 of 2023
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Sanjeev Goyal
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sita Ram Superintendent

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 20.08.2022 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 24.09.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 3.5.2023 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that sufficient time has elapsed but the information is still awaited. He further adds that he has been told by the respondent whatever information is available had already been supplied to him in another appeal case no. 3025 of 2021, which was disposed of & closed by the undersigned Bench on 21.07.2022.
4. The respondent states that the sought for information has already been provided from time to time to the appellant in other appeal case 3025 of 2021.
5. He further adds that repetition of information is not allowed as per RTI rules and a reply in this regard was sent to the appellant on 24.01.2023 with a copy to the Commission vide letter no. 4899 dated 24.01.2023, which is received in the Commission vide diary no. 2651 dated 27.01.2023 and taken on record.
6. After hearing both the parties in detail and examining both the case files (AC: 4 of 2022 and AC: 3025 of 2021), I am of the considered view that repetition of demanded information leads wastage of precious time and resources of the public authority which also affects routine working of the department. Respondent PIO is directed to submit a reply in connection with RTI application filed in this instant appeal case via email within 10 days from today. Appellant is advised to collect the same from the Commission within twenty days after receipt of this order from the Commission after giving acknowledgement for the case file.
7. With the aforesaid directions, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 03.05.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab