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Sh Lajpat Rai, S/o Sh Harbans Lal,
R/o Romana Street, Jaito, Tehsil Jaito,
Distt Faridkot. … Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC,
Jaito, Distt Faridkot.

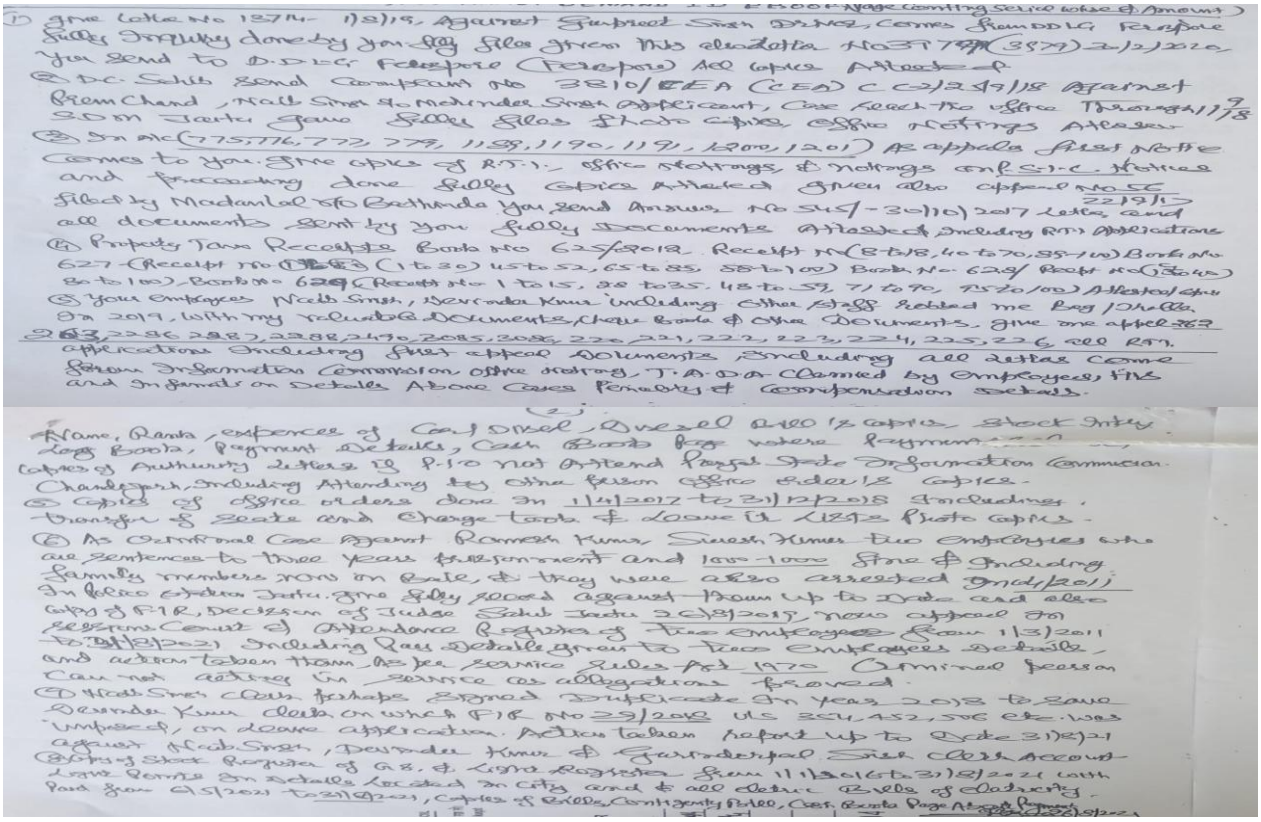
First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC, Urban Development,
Faridkot. ...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5022 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Lajpat Rai as the Appellant
Sh.Naib Singh, Inspector for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 26.08.2021 has sought following information:



The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 21.09.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 07.06.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. As per appellant, the PIO did not supply the information.

The respondent had brought the information.

The PIO was directed to provide the information to the appellant.

The appellant was directed to point out the discrepancies to the PIO and the PIO was directed to sort out the same. If the information on any point does not exist in the record, to give in writing on an affidavit.

Hearing dated 23.11.2022 :

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot.

Both the parties are present.

The appellant states that he has provided the discrepancies to the PIO, but the same was returned. The appellant has sent a copy of the same to the Commission, which is taken on record.

The respondent says that no discrepancy has been provided by the appellant.

Since the appellant continuously files numerous RTI applications with the office of EO-MC Jaito, from the face of it, there appears to be a personal tussle between the appellant and staff members of the public authority, which in turn is making the provision of the information a troublesome affair in cases related to Lajpat Rai versus MC Jaito.

This slew of cases by the appellant, his very long RTI applications, the rigid stand of the public authority, and the acerbic behaviour of both parties at hearings is not only vitiating the decorum of the courtroom but is also leading to unnecessary delay and clogging of the appellant system of the RTI Act.

Keeping these factors in view, I am marking these cases to the Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot, to put in a mechanism for resolving these cases by ensuring that the sought information is provided to the appellant.

With the above order, the case is disposed of and closed.

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh
Dated: 23.11.2022

CC to : **Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.**