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Dr. Sat Paul Sharma,
R/o Flat No.203/1, Block-2,
Housefed Complex,
Banur, Distt:Mohali.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Bodies, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

O/o Chief Vigilance Officer
Directorate of Local Govt., Punjab,
Punjab Municipal Bhawan,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Bodies, Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 5025 of 2022

Present: i) **Dr. Sat Paul Sharma, appellant in person.**
ii) **Shri Pankaj Thakkar, Senior Assistant, Local Govt.-1 Branch, Office of Principal Secretary, Local Govt. on behalf of the PIO/Respondent-in person.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 06.12.2021 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 31.01.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.10.2022 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. Dr. Sat Paul Sharma, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. Shri Pankaj Thakkar, Senior Assistant, Local Govt.-1 Branch comes present in person before the Bench. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 02.03.2022 by ordinary post.

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4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant denies receipt of information. Then the respondent states that the matter relates to Vigilance Cell O/o Chief Vigilance Officer, Directorate of Local Govt. Punjab, the case has been referred to them for conducting an enquiry on the complaint made by appellant to Personnel Department. Accordingly, the PIO Vigilance Cell O/o Directorate of Local Govt., Punjab be impleaded as respondent No.2.

5. The Bench observes that a letter dated 19.12.2022 has been received by e.mail from APIO, Vigilance Cell, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab requesting the PIO Local Govt.-1 Branch to attend the hearing, whereas the respondent states that matter relates to Vigilance Cell of Directorate of Local Govt. Since the matter is reported to be relating to a complaint into which enquiry is being conducted, the Bench directs the PIO Vigilance Cell O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab to supply related information. He is impleaded as Respondent No.2 and directed to supply information to the appellant before the next hearing. Both the PIOs are directed to ensure to come present before the Bench in person on the next date of hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, **the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 09.02.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.12.2022**

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

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