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Shri Rajinder Kumar,
S/o Shri Mehar Chand,
R/o Ward No.2, Supreme Enclave,
Near Vishavkarma Bhawan,
Link Road, Mansa.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director,
Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director,
Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 5029 of 2022

Present: i) **Appellant- absent.**
ii) **Shri Aman Kumar, Senior Assistant, Establishment Branch, Office of Director, Local Govt., Punjab on behalf of the PIO/Respondent-in peron.**

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 25.08.2022 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. Shri Rajinder Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.

3. Shri Aman Kumar, Senior Assistant, Establishment Branch, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab comes present in person before the Bench. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letters dated 05.08.2022 & 17.11.2022 on points No.5 & 6 comprising 13 pages, in addition the information was denied to the appellant on point No.1 to 4, being personal and third party. He further states that the letters mentioned at Point No.3 & 4 have not been received in their office, on which he has sought action taken report and this has been mentioned in the reply. He also states that point wise reply has again been sent to the appellant with a copy to the Hon'ble Commission. The respondent further

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states that the appellant was called by the First Appellate Authority on 12.10.2022 and 23.11.2022 but the appellant did not attend the hearing in first appeal and as such the first appeal was disposed off by the First Appellate Authority vide order dated 25.11.2022.

4. Shri Rajinder Kumar, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He is made to talk to representative of PIO who explains to him the position regarding supply of information vide letter dated 05.08.2022 and 17.11.2022. The appellant denies receipt of information on point No.5 & 6. Then the Bench talks to the appellant and clarifies to him the information as supplied by the PIO.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench accepts the contention of PIO regarding point No.1 & 2, being personal and third party information, however, directs the PIO to provide information on point No.3 to 6 and also ensure to bring along the original record and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing. The appellant is also advised to come present in person on the next 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**