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Shri Ashok Kumar S/o Late Shri Sham Lal, R/o Bank Street, New Basti, Nabha, District Patiala.

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o PSPCL, Dirba District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Engineer, South Zone PSPCL. Patiala.

....Respondents

AC No.5065 of 2022

Versus

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) Shri Gurdhir Singh, Junior Engineer and Shri Jatinder Singh, SDC PSPCL Sub Division, Dirba, District Sagrur on behalf of the PIO/Respondent-in person.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 25.07.2022 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 31.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.01.2023. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Ashok Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. However, a telephonic message on his behalf was received stating that due to illness, the appellant is unable to attend the hearing.
- 3. Shri Gurdhir Singh, Junior Engineer and Shri Jatinder Singh, SDC PSPCL Sub Division, Dirba, District Sagrur come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. The respondents state that information comprising 44 pages and 283 pages has been handed over to the appellant on 15.12.2022. The respondent further states that the appellant has not come present before the First Appellate Authority during the hearing scheduled before the First Appellate Authority.
- 4. The appellant is contacted on his mobile phone and is made to talk to the respondent Shri Gurdhir Singh who explains to him the details of information supplied. However, the appellant expresses dissatisfaction stating that the information supplied is incomplete.



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The Bench advises the appellant to point out deficiencies to the PIO and also directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The information as is identified by the appellant after inspection of records be supplied to him before the next date of hearing. The appellant and the PIO are directed to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next haring.

With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 15.02.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 04.01.2023 Sd/-(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd)) State Information Commissioner, Punjab