

**PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
RED CROSS BUILDING, NEAR ROSE GARDEN,
SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.**



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Shri Joginder Singh
S/o Late Shri Niranjn Singh
Village Ramnagar Sainian,
PO Tepla, Village Ramnagar,
Tehsil Rajpura, Distt. Patiala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o GMADA,
Mohali.

Public Information Officer
Regulatory Branch, GMADA,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority
O/o GMADA,
Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No. 51 of 2023

Present: i) **Appellant- absent.**
ii) **Shri Gurwinder Singh, AEO/PIO, GMADA, Mohali- cisco webex.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 20.02.2022 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 03.04.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.03.2023. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Joginder Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Gurwinder Singh, AEO/PIO, GMADA, Mohali comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that as per reply received from the Regulatory Branch, the information, being in question form, has been denied to the appellant.
4. Shri Joginder Singh, appellant is contacted on his mobile phone. He is apprised of the version of PIO, GMADA. He does not express satisfaction over the reply of PIO and states that he has sought information in public interest.
5. After hearing the version of appellant as also going through the contents of RTI application, the Bench does not agree with the contention of PIO and directs to supply point-wise reply to the appellant. Since the information is reported to be related to Regulatory Branch of GMADA, the PIO Regulatory Branch, GMADA, Mohali is impleaded as Respondent No.2. He is directed to provide information to the appellant before the next hearing and both the PIOs are directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.
6. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 21.03.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
01.03.2023**

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

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