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Shri Gaurav Goyal,
S/o Shri Pawan Kumar,
960 TDI City, Mohali-16055

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Punjab Urban Planning and
Development Authority(PUDA),
Mohali.

Public Information Officer

O/o Greater Mohali Area
Development Authority(GMADA),
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Punjab Urban Planning and
Development Authority(PUDA),
Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No.5149 of 2022

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) Shri Shaminder Singh, Senior Assistant, Licensing Branch, GMADA, Mohali,
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- in person.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 21.07.2022 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 29.07.2022 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 Gaurav Goyal, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.

3. Shri Shaminder Singh, Senior Assistant, Licensing Branch, GMADA, Mohali, comes present in persons before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. He state that the RTI application of the appellant was received on line and the office has not been able to make out as to what exactly the information has been sought by the appellant and on line reply has been sent to the appellant on 28.07.2022.



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4. The Bench is surprised to hear the version of the respondent as more than five months have elapsed from the reply sent to the appellant and it seems that the PIO has not made efforts to know the details of grievance No.20220115885 about which he has sought current status, by contacting him on phone or otherwise. Accordingly, the Bench directs the PIO to contact the appellant and get inputs regarding the information required by him. The appellant is also advised to send a copy of the said grievance to the PIO by e.mail to enable the PIO to reply accordingly.

5 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