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Shri Ashok Kumar Watts,  
H.No.B-V 1534, Street No.1,  
Lajpat Nagar, Abohar  
District Fazilka-152116.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab,  
Punjab Municipal Bhawan,  
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Local Government, Punjab,  
Punjab Municipal Bhawan,  
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.5196 of 2022**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Ashok Kumar Watts, appellant- in person.**  
(ii) **Smt. Sandeep Kaur, Senior Assistant, Local Govt.-3 Branch O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt. Department on behalf of the PIO/ Respondent- in person.**

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.02.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Ashok Kumar Watts, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has not been supplied any information yet.
3. Smt. Sandeep Kaur, Senior Assistant Local Govt.-3 Branch, Local Govt. Deptt. comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. She states that the appellant has been asking for the same information time and again and she states that similar information has earlier been supplied to the appellant in Appeal Case No.5142/2021 and Appeal Case No.5148/2021.
4. The Bench does not agree with the contention of the respondent and directs the respondent to examine the RTI application on receipt whether the issues raised by the appellant are the same as raised in earlier applications. The PIO can then point out to the appellant that the information sought by him has been supplied earlier in Appeal Case filed by him, which stand disposed off, however, copy of the information sought is again being given. The Bench in such cases then is in a position to advise the appellant to refrain from doing so.

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5. The PIO is also directed to clarify the position regarding the information supplied in Appeal Case No.5142/2021 and 5148/2021 in their covering letter, as stated by the representative of PIO during the previous hearing and ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing. The appellant is also advised to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 25.04.2023 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