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Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma,  
R/o New Sharma Furniture House,  
Pratap Bazaar, Chhehratta,  
Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Commissioner,  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Amritsar.

....Respondents

**AC No. 5199 of 2022**

**Present:** i) **Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant- through cisco webex.**  
ii) **Shri Gurpal Singh, Assistant Engineer and Shri Simarjit Singh, Junior Engineer**  
**on behalf of the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar- in person.**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 18.04.2022 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 20.05.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.11.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.01.2023. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Suresh Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been received by him so far.
3. Shri Gurpal Singh, Assistant Engineer and Shri Simarjit Singh, Jr. Engineer come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar. Shri Gurpal Singh produces before the Bench authority letter to appear in the instant appeal case. He also produces before the Bench letter dated 06.01.2023 stating that as regards the information sought by the appellant relating to civil works, no tender for execution of development works has been called for and no work order has thus been placed. The same is taken on record.
4. The appellant is apprised of the version of the respondent. He states that the same may be directed to be given by the PIO by way of affidavit.

5. Post deliberations, the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar is directed to file an affidavit on e-stamp paper, within 21 (Twenty one ) days, duly signed by the notified PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information sought by the appellant relates to the civil works. It is clarified that no tender for the execution of development work referred to in RTI application in Appeal Case No.5199/2022, has been called for by the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar and thus, no work order has been placed with any firm. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. The Bench observes that today, neither the appellant nor the respondent have come present to attend the hearing in time on their own. This put the Bench in a embarrassing position in the absence of either of the parties. The Bench had to contact the appellant on his mobile phone and request him to join the hearing through cisco webex which he did nearly 15-20 minutes after the start of hearing for the day. The respondent reached the hearing in person almost half an hour late. The appellant and the PIO/respondent are directed to ensure that this type of conduct is not repeated in future and to attend the hearing in time.

7. With the aforesaid directions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.**  
Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
09.01.2023**

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

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**Public Information Office/Executive Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar  
For compliance of the order.**