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

.....Appellant

....Respondents

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

AC No. 5201 of 2022

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

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 11.04.2022 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 16.05.2022 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 10.01.2023. 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 Karan Kumar, Assistant Engineer, come present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO in person before the Bench. The respondents produce before the Bench authority letter to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO. Shri Karan Kumar, Assistant Engineer also produces before the Bench letter dated 06.01.2023 whereby the appellant has been informed that no tender relating to the Development work "P/L Interlocking tiles at various streets of Ward No.77" has been called for and as such, no information in this regard is available in the official records.

4. The appellant is contacted on his mobile phone and is made to talk to the respondent who apprises the appellant that no civil work was approved regarding the work mentioned in his RTI application and that no tender for the work relating to the said Development work has been called for. As such, no information in this regard is available in the official records. The appellant requests that the same 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.5201/2022, 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. With the aforesaid directions, the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 10.01.2023 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.