PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Anil Thaman, # 178, New Raja Garden, Mithapur, Jalandhar.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar, First Appellate Authority, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No. 5326 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent Pooja Mann, ATP (for the Respondent) 81468-00598

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 18.2.2022, 19.5.2022, and 18.8.2022)

- 1. The RTI application is dated 12.6.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding approval for constructing a shopping mall and multiplex in Block-11-A-1 Guru Nanak Nagar, Model Town, Near Gole Market, Mithapur Road, Jalandhar, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 4.8.2021 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 8.6.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on 18.8.2022.
- 2. The appellant is absent but has made a submission vide an email dated 14.10.2022. The respondent PIO-cum-ATP, Ms. Pooja has made a submission vide Memo No. 170 Dated 8.8.2022, wherein she has also included pointwise reply to the appellant. The Commission has examined the pointwise reply and is of the view that said reply is apparently designed to mislead the Commission and deny information to the appellant. Notably, the appellant is a 65-year-old Senior Citizen.
- 3. The Commission directs the respondent PIO, who is still under the Show Cause Notice issued to her vide this Commission's Order of 18.2.2022, to appear in person at the next hearing with the original record as sought in this RTI application along with duly attested copies of the same. She must also submit a fresh written, pointwise reply to this RTI application with aforesaid record. The respondent PIO is directed to attend the next hearing on 21.11.2022 in person. Failure to comply with this Commission's direction or attend the next hearing, will be viewed seriously.
- 4. <u>Next hearing on 21.11.2022 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.</u>

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 21.10.2022