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Shri Lajpat Rai Garg,
S/o Shri Harbans Lal, R/o Romana Street, Jaito,
Tehsil Jaito, District Faridkot. (M: 98142-30616)

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director,
Local Government, Punjab,
Sector 35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director,
Local Government, Punjab,
Sector 35, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 5371 of 2022

Present: i) **Appellant: Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, in person.**
ii) **Shri Kuldip Singh, Superintendent/PIO and Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, General Branch, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, in person**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 12.01.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today.. Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, appellant comes present in person and reiterates his version as made during the previous hearing.
3. Shri Kuldip Singh, Superintendent/PIO and Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, General Branch, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing. Smt. Sarabjit Kaur refers to letter dated 11.01.2023 addressed to Hon'ble Commission with a copy to the appellant and states that the appellant has been seeking information relating to the employees of Municipal Council, Jaito as also copies of Diary Registers/Despatch Registers of different Branches in the office of Director, Local Government, Punjab and in appeal cases i.e. AC No.2711, 2712 and 2713 of 2022, similar information comprising 885 pages has been supplied to the appellant and there being no other information available in the official records relating to RTI applications of appellant, affidavit in each case has also been filed. In addition, photocopies of diary/despatch registers comprising 43 pages have also been provided to the appellant on 05.01.2023 during the hearing before the Hon'ble Bench.
4. The appellant states that he has filed a writ petition in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court and he needs the copies of information as sought by him vide his present RTI application.

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5. The Bench, re-examines the RTI Application of the appellant and observes that the copies of ACRs of the employees of Municipal Council, Jaito are not to be shared with the appellant as it has no bearing with public cause or interest. However, during deliberations with the appellant, the Bench directs the PIO to provide copies of the complaints sent by the appellant to the Director, Local Government, Punjab as also the copies of work and conduct reports of the employees mentioned in the RTI application, duly attested by the PIO, before the next hearing. The PIO is also directed to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. Apart from the above, the Bench also advises the appellant to be very specific in seeking the information under the RTI Act as from his present way of filing his RTI application, he has sought varied and vast information of numerous issues in one application.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.04.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
15.02.2023**

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