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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 Additional Chief Secretary,
Local Govt. Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Additional Chief Secretary,
Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 5372 of 2022

Present: i) **Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, appellant, in person.**
ii) **None on behalf of the PIO /Respondent.**

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 states that no information has been received by him so far.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Additional Chief Secretary, Local Govt. Punjab, Chandigarh has come present in person nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing nor any information has been supplied to the appellant.
4. The Bench observes that the appellant has addressed RTI Application to the Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Punjab, Department of Local Government, and this is second consecutive hearing. However, none of the official has put in appearance before the Commission. The Bench directs the Addl. Chief Secretary Local Government to look into as to who is the concerned officer dealing with the RTI application of the appellant vide which he has sought information in respect of the officials of Municipal Council, Jaito. The Bench deems it appropriate to implead the Nodal Officer, RTI in the office of Addl. Chief Secretary, Local Government, Punjab as Respondent No.2 and directs him to find out as to whom this RTI application actually relates to and ensure that the information is supplied to the appellant, before the next hearing.

5. The Bench also directs the Additional Chief Secretary, Local Government, Punjab to look into the matter and to examine as to how casually the RTI applications are handled in the Local Government Department at Government level.

6. The PIO is directed to supply point-wise information to the appellant and file reply to the show cause notice before the next hearing as also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

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

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The Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab(By Name), Department of Local Govt.,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh for compliance of directions, as above.