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Sh. Rajinder Kumar (RTI Activist and Reporter),
VPO Raisar, Tehsil and District Barnala.
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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Shahina.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Barnala.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 542 of 2023
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant: Sh. Rajinder Kumar.
Respondent: Sh. Jagtar Singh Dhillon, BDPO, Shahina (98723-01190) along with Sh. Harvinder Singh, Senior Assistant from office of DDPO, Barnala (9780007871)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application dated 21.06.2022 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 16.11.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 10.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for 05.07.2023 at 11.00 a.m. through CISCO WEBEX application.
2. In today's hearing, the respondent states that the information has been supplied to the appellant twice i.e. on 21.02.2023 and 25.05.2023 through registered post. He further adds that two emails dated 20.06.2023 are also been sent to the undersigned Bench, which are received and taken on record.
3. Appellant is present and after discussing with him, it is clear that he has not pointed out any discrepancy even after the ample time has elapsed after supplying the information. This is a sheer wastage of precious time and resources of the Commission and the public authority.
4. A final opportunity is awarded to the appellant to point out deficiency specifically, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the commission within 10 days from today, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard and case will be decided on merits.
5. Respondent PIO is advised to remove discrepancy within ten days once he had received letter regarding discrepancy as per para 4 of this order under intimation to the Commission along with directions to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively so that case could be concluded.
6. The matter is adjourned for **further hearing on 20.09.2023 at 11:00 AM through cisco webex meetings** software, failing which case will be decided on merit basis. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.
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Dated: 05.07.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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