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Shri Inderdhir Singh Grewal,
Shri Gobind Ram Seth & Shri Rahul Sharma,
C/o Purab Premium Apartments
Jan Hit Bachao Committee,
C-6-502, Sector 88, Mohali.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o GMADA,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o GMADA, Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No. 5549 of 2022

Present: i) **Shri Inderdhir Singh Grewal, Appellant- in person.**
ii) **Shri Prabhjot Singh, Junior Engineer (Civil) GMADA, Mohali- in person**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.02.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. As per respondent, the information as available in the official records has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 24.04.2023. The respondent also submits a copy of information to the Bench which is taken on record.
3. Shri Inderdhir Singh Grewal, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that the information is incomplete since the PIO has not provided information on point-5 and only mentioned that the information relates with Estate Officer (Housing). The appellant further states that the information has been provided with a delay of more than one year.
4. Post deliberations, the Bench, directs the PIO to collect the information on point-5 from the concerned PIO and provided to the appellant within 21 days of the receipt of order with a copy to the Commission.
5. Further, the Bench is of the view that since the appellant has had to suffer undue inconvenience to get the information, it is a fit case for awarding compensation to the appellant u/s 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act. Hence the PIO- GMADA Mohali is directed to pay an amount of **Rs.5000/-** via demand draft through Govt. Treasury as compensation to the appellant for the loss and detriment suffered by him of having to file the appeals and not getting information in time. The PIO is directed to duly inform the Commission of the compliance of the order and submit proof of having compensated the appellant.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.06.2023 at 11.30 A.M before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.04.2023**

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