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FINAL ORDER

Narinder Kumar,
S/o Sh. Tarsem Lal,
515, Sector 34 A,
Near Balu Ram Dharamsala,
Main Bazar, Mandi Gobindgarh,
Fatehgarh Sahib.

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Public Information Officer,
o/o Divisional Engineer Ltd.,
Tubewell Corporation Ltd.,
Malerkotla.

Complaint Case No. 555 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

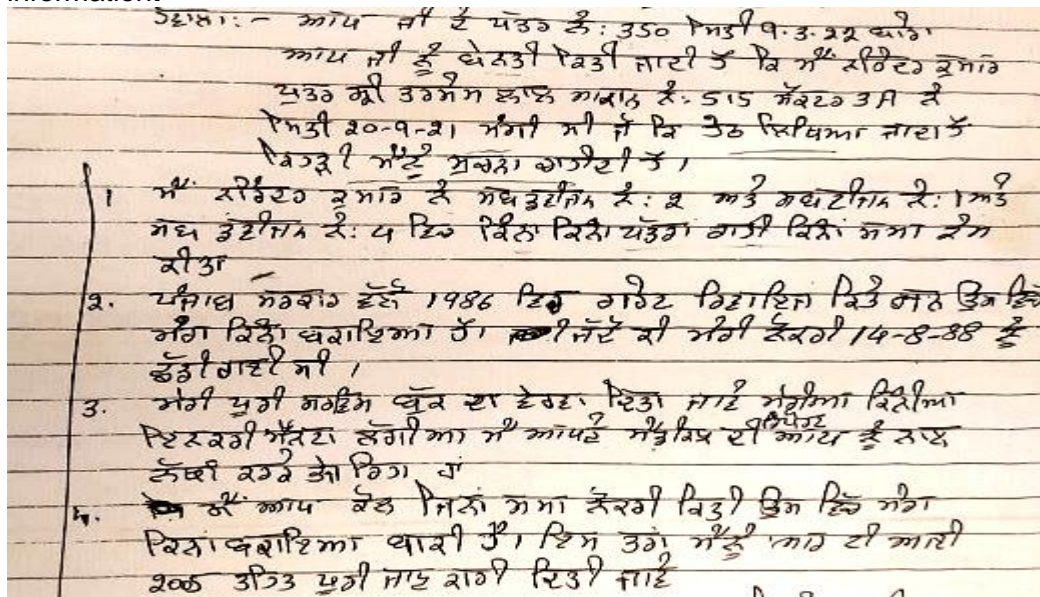
PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

Paramjit Kaur, SDO (for the Respondent) 87280-54856

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Nasrinder Kumar**, filed this RTI application dated **15.3.2022** and sought information:



from the PIO o/o **Divisional Engineer, Tubewell Corporation Ltd., Malerkotla**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **22.8.2022**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **9.12.2022**.

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2. The complainant is absent without intimation. The Respondent PIO has submitted a reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing via email on 5.12.2021, wherein it is stated that after making inquiries from the office, it was presumed that the record requested by the complainant could be in the custody of the Divisional Engineer Operation & Maintenance Division, Mohali and the said application was transferred to that office. However, as per a reply received from the Divisional Engineer, Operation & Maintenance, Mohali, vide Letter No. 455 dated 01.12.2022, the information is not available in that office. Earlier, in a reply to the RTI application vide Letter No. 350 Dated 9.3.2022, the PIO office of Divisional Engineer, Malerkotla, had written to the complainant seeking clarification regarding the information, which was replied by the complainant on 15.3.2022. In an email to the Commission on 15.11.2022, the complainant has made a plea that the information requested by him is vital to him and must be provided as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

3. However, this is a Complaint Case and the limited question before the Commission is whether there was any malafide intent in denying / withholding the requested information. The Commission finds that there was no malafide intention in denying the information on the part of the Respondent PIO. This Complaint is accordingly **Disposed of.**

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh
9.12.2022