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Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma,
R/o New Sharma Furniture House,
Pratap Bazaar, Chhehratta,
Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Improvement Trust,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o ADC Urban Development,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 5555 of 2022

Present: i) **Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant- through cisco webex.**
ii) **Shri Raminderpal Singh, Executive Engineer/APIO O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar- through mobile.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 12.10.2021 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 13.12.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.11.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.01.2023. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Suresh Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he was called by the PIO on 16.01.2023. He has been shown all the relevant records and assured provision of the requisite information before 16.02.2023.

3. Shri Raminderpal Singh, Executive Engineer/APIO O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex. However, he was contacted by the Bench on mobile. He states that he also tried to contact through cisco webex, but could not connect. He further states that the appellant was called to the office of Improvement Trust on 16.01.2023 and he has been allowed access to all the relevant records. After perusal of the record, the appellant has identified the documents/ information as per his RTI Application and that he has been assured provision of the said information before 16.02.2023. He also states that officials have been detailed for making photocopies of information/documents as identified by the appellant. The Bench, however, directs the APIO to do so within 21 days. The APIO gives his assurance for the same.

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4. Then the Bench apprises the appellant of the version of the APIO Shri Raminderpal Singh and that on his assurance to supply the information within 21 days, the present appeal case is being disposed off. He, however, apprehends that there may be some laxity in providing information on the part of respondents. The Bench makes it clear that in case the PIO does not honour the commitment made by the APIO to the Bench, the appeal case will be re-opened and penal consequences may also follow. On this, he gives his consent to close the case.

5. In view of the above discussion, **the present appeal case is disposed off and closed.**
Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
18.01.2023**

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

Copy to (By Regd.Post):

**Assistant Public Information Officer (Shri Raminderpal Singh), O/o Improvement Trust,
Amritsar for ensuring compliance of the orders as assured during the hearing.**