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Shri Vikram Vaid (RTI Activist) H.No.1527, Gali No.2, Bagh Rama Nand, Amritsar.

Versus

...Appellant

Public Information Officer O/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

.Respondents

AC No. 5571 of 2022

Present: (i) Shri Vikram Vaid, appellant – in person. (ii) Sh.Satinder Singh, Inspector Property Tax O/o MC Amritsar – in person

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.02.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. As per appellant, the PIO has not resolved the discrepancies as pointed out to the PIO on 15.02.2023.

3. As per respondent, the information as available in the official record has been provided and no further information is available in the records.

3. At the hearing on 23.01.2023, the PIO was directed to file an affidavit to the effect that the information as available in the official record relating to Appeal case No.5571 of 2022 has been supplied to the appellant. The statement is true and correct and nothing has been concealed therein. The PIO has however, failed to comply with the order of the Commission either to resolve the discrepancies or to file an affidavit as per order of the Commission. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs to the PIO to show **cause** as to why penalty should not be imposed on him under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not complying with the order of the Commission to provide information within the statutorily prescribed period of time. He/she should file an affidavit in this regard. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such person(s) of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

4. The PIO is directed to comply with the earlier order of the Commission which still stands and resolve the discrepancies as pointed out by the appellant on 15.02.2023 and supply the rectified information after removal of discrepancies. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit on e-stamp paper, within 21 days, duly singed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official record in AC No.5571 of 2022 has been supplied to the appellant. The statement is true and correct and nothing has been concealed therein. The original affidavit along with a copy of the same be brought along and produced before the Bench. Copy of information be also brought along on the next hearing.

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5. The appellant is also advised to ensure his presence in person before the Bench on the next date of hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 03.05.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 27.03.2023 Sd/-(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd)) State Information Commissioner, Punjab