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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. 5635 of 2022

Present: i) **Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant- through Mobile.**
ii) **Shri Raminderpal Singh, XEN, 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 17.11.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.01.2023. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Suresh Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex. He, however, informed the staff of Bench on mobile that he was called by the PIO on 16.01.2023 and shown all the relevant records and assured provision of documents as identified by him before 16.02.2023..

3. Shri Raminderpal Singh, APIO O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar who had attended the hearing in other appeal cases on behalf of the PIO, is contacted on his mobile phone. He is apprised of the version of appellant. He confirms that the appellant was called yesterday 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 information before 16.02.2023. On the asking of the Bench, he explains that concerned 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.

4. Then the Bench contacts the appellant on his mobile phone and he is apprised of the statement made by 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
17.01.2023**

**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.**