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FINAL ORDER

Rohit Sabharwal,
126, Model Gram, Kundan Bhawan,
Ludhiana-141002

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o XEN, B&R, Zone A,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Public Information officer,
o/o XEN, B&R, Zone B,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Public Information officer,
o/o XEN, B&R, Zone C,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Public Information officer,
o/o XEN, B&R, Zone D,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Public Information officer,
o/o Municipal Corporation, Headquarters,
Zone A, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 5655 of 2021

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Vikas Kumar, Junior Engineer (for the Respondent) 96462-22900

Sandeep Kumar, Junior Engineer (for the Respondent) 82848-00951

Sandeep, SDO (for the Respondent) 88378-73503

Pawanpreet Singh, Junior Engineer (for the Respondent) 98886-63023

Vaneet Kumar, SDO (for the Respondent) 99887-03192

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 2.9.2022 and 17.11.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **14.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information:-

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Kindly refer Section-4 of the RTI Act, 2005 which mandates the Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and every other public authority to maintain all its records duly catalogued and indexed in a manner and the form which facilitates the right to information under this Act and ensure that all records that are appropriate to be computerized.

Further, refer the work of Fixing of Interlocking Tiles (either of Fixing of New Interlocking Tiles or Re-fixing of Old Interlocking Tiles) which is being executed or has been executed under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. Thus, as per the aforesaid Section-4 of the RTI Act, 2005 the Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is bound to computerize the record regarding the Fixing of Interlocking Tiles also.

Hence, in this regard, in capacity of being a citizen of India within the meaning of Section 3 of The Right to Information Act, 2005, following information is being sought under The Right to Information Act, 2005 regarding the Tenders Allotted for Executing the Works of the Fixing of Interlocking Tiles (either of Fixing of New Interlocking Tiles or Re-fixing of Old Interlocking Tiles) under the Jurisdiction of the Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. This information is required from the period 01.01.2019 to till date.

1. Provide the Complete Information (Work-Wise) in the CD or in the Pen-Drive showing the Copies of the NIT's, Tender Documents, Copies of the Contract Agreement along with the Terms and Conditions of the Agreements, Work Orders, or any other relating document (as falling within the meaning of Section- 2 (f) read with Section- 2 (j) of the RTI Act, 2005) regarding the Tenders Allotted for Executing the Works of the Fixing of Interlocking Tiles (either of Fixing of New Interlocking Tiles or Re-fixing of Old Interlocking Tiles) under the Jurisdiction of the Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.
2. Provide the Complete Information (Work-Wise) in the CD or in the Pen-Drive showing the Copies of the Measurement Books, Contractor Bills Submitted by the Contractors (either running or Final Bills), or any other relating document Submitted by the Contractors (as falling within the meaning of Section- 2 (f) read with Section- 2 (j) of the RTI Act, 2005) regarding the Tenders Allotted for Executing the Works of the Fixing of Interlocking Tiles (either of Fixing of New Interlocking Tiles or Re-fixing of Old Interlocking Tiles) under the Jurisdiction of the Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.10.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.12.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **17.11.2022**.

2. The appellant is absent for the second successive hearing. As directed at the last hearing on 17.11.2022, all the four PIOs have submitted replies describing the volume of information that would have to be collected and copied to provide the requested information. While, it is true that the appellant has sought this information on a CD or Pendrive, there is no escaping the fact that the process of copying the same on a CD or PenDrive, will take up a lot of time and man-hours. The PIOs estimate is that it would require "one month of work by some 16 employees to collect said information".

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3. The Commission concurs with the respondent that providing such a volume of information to the appellant would amount to a disproportionate diversion of public resources and therefore, the respondent's decision to withheld the information is herewith upheld. However, in case the appellant needs some any specific information regarding any specific work, he can request the concerned PIO for inspection of the specific record. This must be done no later than 30 days from this hearing.

4. This Appeal is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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

Chandigarh
1.2.2023