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Shri Bharat Goyal Advocate,
S/o Shri Raj Kumar, R/o Tappa Mandi,
Distt:Barnala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director
Local Govt., Pb, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director
Local Govt., Pb, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 624 of 2023

Present: i) **Appellant - Absent**
ii) **Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Senior Assistant (General Branch) O/o Director Local Govt. for the Respondent - in person**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 27.03.2023 passed by this Bench during the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. The appellant is absent. However, a letter dated 30.05.2023 has been received from the appellant in the Commission requesting for exemption of personal hearing due to illness of his mother.
3. The PIO has authorized Shri Rakesh Kumar, Senior Assistant to appear on his behalf for today's hearing. The representative of the PIO states that he has brought the information along for handing over to the appellant during the hearing itself. However since the appellant is absent, the same could not be handed over to him.
4. The PIO/ respondent is directed to send the information by registered post. The appellant is advised to go through the information and point out observations if any in the information provided to the respondent in writing. The PIO/respondent is also directed that whatever deficiencies remain in the matter of information demanded by the appellant should be made good before the next date of hearing and personally appear before the Bench, failing which penal consequences shall follow.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 12.07.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
31.05.2023**

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