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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.Amandeep Singh, Clerk (General Branch) for the Respondent - in person**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 07.10.2022 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 09.11.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today. The appellant is absent and vide letter received in the Commission on 13.02.2023 has informed that the PIO has not provided the information.
3. As per respondent, since the identity proof was not attached with the RTI application, the appellant was asked vide letter dated 07.11.2022 and again on 09.02.2023 to send ID proof but the appellant has not supplied the ID proof so far, hence the information has not been provided. Further information sought by the appellant is not specific and the appellant be asked to inspect the record and get the relevant information.
4. Having gone through the RTI application and reply of the PIO, the Commission finds the reply of the PIO unsatisfactory and vague and the PIO is stonewalling the information. Hence the PIO is directed to reconcile the RTI application and send point-wise information/reply to the appellant with a copy to the Commission before the next hearing. Both the parties are also directed to come present in person before the Bench to attend the next hearing.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 31.05.2023 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**