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Shri Kunal Aggarwal S/o Shri Murli Manohar Aggarwal, #1291, Gali No.3, Gali Kambo, Bagh Ramanand, Amritsar-143001.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority(PUDA), Mohali.

Public Information Officer

O/o Greater Mohali Area Development Authority(GMADA), Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority(PUDA), Mohali.

(i)

....Respondents

AC No.6318 of 2022

Present:

Appellant- absent.

(ii) Shri Raj Kumar Bansal, Admn. Officer/PIO, PUDA, Mohali- cisco webex.

(iii) Shri Devinder Saini, SDO(Civil), Amritsar DevelopmentAuthority, Amritsar-In person.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 08.07.2022 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 08.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.11.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.02.2023. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Kunal Aggarwal, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. However, an e.mail has been received from him stating that as per phone call received by him from PUDA, his RTI application has been transferred to Amritsar Development Authority, Amritsar.

3. Shri Raj Kumar Bansal, Admn. Officer/PIO, PUDA, Mohali comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that RTI application has been transferred to Amritsar Development Authority, Amritsar on 02.02.2023.

4. Shri Devinder Saini, SDO (Civil), A.D.A. Amritsar comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that the area mentioned in the RTI applications does not fall within the jurisdiction of A.D.A. Amritsar but falls within the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation, Amritsar to whom RTI application has now been transferred. Cont...P-2





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5 On hearing the version of the PIO, PUDA, Mohali and the representative of Amritsar Development Authority, Amritsar, the Bench observes that the RTI application has been transferred from one office to another office, as the appellant has not addressed his RTI application to an appropriate public authority. In the present case, it has been revealed that the RTI application of the appellant relates to PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, as such, the Bench advises the appellant to file a separate RTI application before the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

6. In view of the above, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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

Chandigarh 20.02.2023

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PIO, O/o Amritsar Development Authority, Amritsar.

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