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Shri Vipan Kumar, S/o Shri Krishan Kumar, H. No. 319, Ward NO.24, New Abadi, Khanna.

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Nagar Council.

Khanna.

First Appellate Authority O/o ADC(UD), LUdhaina.

....Respondents

AC No. 636 of 2023

Present: i) Shri Vipan Kumar - Appellant - in person

ii) Shri Harminder Singh, Clerk (Building Branch) O/o NC Khanna for the Respondent

- in person

ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 29.05.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. As per respondent, the information/reply has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 25.02.2022 and 18.05.2023 through registered post and a copy of same has been sent to the Commission. The respondent further states that notices were issued to the President, Prachin Ram Mandir Khanna vide letter dated 16.03.2023 and 21.05.2023 for calling reply regarding illegal construction but no response has been received from them so far.
- 3. The appellant is not satisfied with the response of the PIO and states that the shops given on rent by the Mandir Committee are not paying any property tax and Nagar Council is not taking any action against them.
- 4. The reply of the PIO is evasive and the PIO is deliberately concealing certain facts. The PIO has also not filed reply to the show cause notice issued during the previous hearing on 29.05.2023 for not complying with the order of the Bench. The PIO is directed to re-examine the RTI application and provide point-wise information to the appellant relating to his complaints dated 03.02.2022 & 05.02.2022 The PIO is again directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and show him complete record. After inspection of records by the appellant, the information as is identified by the appellant be provided to him before the next hearing. The PIO is directed to ensure that official records related to RTI application of the appellant are presented for examination and documents as identified are given duly attested by the PIO. The PIO is also directed to come present in person before the Bench to attend the next hearing.
- 5. With the aforesaid directions, the **matter is adjourned**. Since I am demitting the office on 4th August 2023 and I am left with little time to hear the case further, this case file is sent to the Deputy Registrar to place this case file before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

Chandigarh 19.07.2023 Sd/(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab