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Sh Bharat Bhushan Mattu, H No-322, Maskeen Nagar, P.O Central Post Office, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Pr. Secy, Deptt of Social Justice Empowerment & Minorities, Room NO-214, 2nd Floor, Pb Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate authority, O/o Pr. Secy, Deptt of Social Justice Empowerment & Minorities, Room NO-214, 2nd Floor, Pb Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 704 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Ms.Mandeep Kaur, Sr. Assistant for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 12.11.2021 has sought information on 07 points regarding data relating to the recruitment of ABCD group as per the prescribed format received from the departments in response to a letter dated 12.02.2020 –applications received from the individuals and NGOs from 12.02.2020 to 12.04.2020 – copy of noting file relating to application received from CM office in response to a letter dated 02.11.2020 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Principal Secretary, Departmet of Social Justice Empowerment & Minorities Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate authority on 16.12.2021 which took no decision on the appeal. After filing first appeal, the PIO sent a reply to the appellant on 11.01.2022 to which the appellant was not satisfied and filed 2nd appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Chandigarh. The appellant is absent and vide email has sought exemption. The appellant in the said email has informed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent present pleaded that the information/reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 11.01.2022 and again on 30.11.2022 and a copy of the same was sent to the Commission.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply of the PIO, the Commission finds that the RTI application has been sufficiently replied to, and no further interference of the Commission is required, thus no need of an unnecessary adjournment. A copy of the reply dated 30.11.2022 received from the PIO is being sent to appellant alongwith the order.

The case is **disposed of and closed.**

Chandigarh Dated: 07.12.2022

Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner