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Shri Ashok Kumar Watts,
H.No.B-V 1534, Street No.1,
Lajpat Nagar, Abohar
District Fazilka-152116.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Punjab Municipal Bhawan,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Punjab Municipal Bhawan,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.83 of 2023

**Present: (i) Shri Ashok Kumar Watts, Appellant- in person.
(ii) Shri Aman Kumar, Senior Assistant, Establishment Branch, Office of Director, Local Govt. Deptt. on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- in person.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 27.09.2022 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 03.11.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.03.2023. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Ashok Kumar Watts, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. Shri Aman Kumar, Senior Assistant, Establishment Branch, O/o Director, Local Govt. Deptt. comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. He states that information on point No.1 to 3 has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 16.11.2022. Regarding Point No.4, he has brought along the same and hands over a copy of the same to the appellant in the court itself. In the reply to point No.4, information has been denied being personal and third party information.
4. The appellant contends that he has sought copy of the educational certificate submitted by Shri Ramesh Yadav at the time of his promotion to the post of Accountant as the said certificate is fake and he has been promoted wrongly.
5. Post deliberations, the Bench agrees with the contention raised by the appellant and directs the PIO/Superintendent Branch, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab to provide copy of the educational certificate submitted by the said Ramesh Yadav at the time of his promotion to Accountant.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 25.04.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
01.03.2023**

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