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

Versus

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

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

First Appellate Authority

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

(i)

....Respondents

AC No.84 of 2023

Present:

Shri Ashok Kumar Watts, Appellant- in person

(ii) Smt. Sandeep Kaur, Senior Assistant, Local Govt.-3 Branch O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt. Department on behalf of the PIO/ Respondent- in person.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 01.10.2022 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 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 and states that no information has been supplied to him.

3. Smt. Sandeep Kaur, Senior Assistant, Local Govt.-3 Branch, Local Govt. Deptt. comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. She states that due to ensuing Vidhan Sabha Session to be held shortly, she has not been able to deal with the appeal case and as such, requests for adjournment to another date.

4. The requests of the respondent is acceded to. The PIO is, however, directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant is advised to identify the information after inspection of records and the same will be provided by the PIO before the next hearing duly attested.

5. 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.

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

Chandigarh 01.03.2023