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Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta,
Advocate,
8 / 237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
District Ludhiana.

... ..Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

Public Information Officer/

Superintendent, Establishment Branch,
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

The Superintendent, General Branch,
O/o Director, Local Govt. Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

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

....Respondents

AC No. 862 of 2021

Present:

- (i) **Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta – Appellant – through cisco-webex.**
- (ii) **Shri Aman Kumar, Senior Assistant, Establishment Branch O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh-In person.**
- (iii) **Smt. Sandeep Kaur, Senior Assistant along with Smt.Paramjit Kaur, Clerk Local Govt.-3 Branch, O/o Principal Secretary Local Government, Punjab- in person.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with the reference to the order dated 07.03.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Aman Kumar, Senior Assistant, Establishment Branch, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that as directed by the Bench, during the last hearing, the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 13.04.2023 by registered post. The respondent has also brought a copy of information along and submits the same to the Bench which is taken on record.
3. Smt. Sandeep Kaur, Senior Assistant, Local Govt.-3 Branch comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and files reply mentioning therein that the record relating to correction in date of birth of Shri Sukhdev Singh Randhawa is not traceable and they are trying to trace the same. Further enquiry on different complaints filed against the officer for tempering the date of birth is pending with the department and on completion of enquiry, information will be provided.
4. The appellant is not satisfied with the response of the respondent and states that the department is trying to conceal the information to protect certain corrupt officials who have tempered the official record.
5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO/Superintendent, Local Govt.-3 Branch and PIO O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt to bring entire record relating to this RTI application to the Commission on the next date of hearing. The PIO/Superintendent, Establishment Branch O/o Director,

Local Govt., Punjab and the PIO/Superintendent, Local Government-3 Branch Office of Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab are directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing. The appellant is also advised to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing failing which the case may be decided based on documents available on file.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 13.07.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
10.05.2023**

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