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

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director, Local Govt., 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

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

First Appellate Authority

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

....Respondents

AC No. 862 of 2021

Present:

- (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Appellant- cisco webex.
- (ii) Shri Jasbir Singh, Superintendent/PIO, and Smt. Sandeep Kaur, Senior Assistant, Local Govt.-3, Local Govt. Department- in person.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 27.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. The appellant Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that he has not been supplied information after removing the deficiencies pointed out by him.
3. Shri Jasbir Singh, Superintendent/PIO, and Smt. Sandeep Kaur, Senior Assistant, Local Govt.-3, Local Govt. Department, come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. Smt. Sandeep Kaur states that letter dated 10.08.2021 was sent to the appellant asking for the public interest

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involved in the information sought by him, but no proper reply was received from him. She further states that information in respect of Executive Officer Sh. Sukhdev Singh Randhawa & other Executive Officers relating to Local Govt.-3 Branch was given to the appellant vide letter dated 21.10.2021 and 27.12.2021 and information in respect of J.E. Shri Sukesh Bagai relates to the Director, Local Government, Punjab to whom RTI application has been transferred vide letter dated 10.08.2021. She further states that PIOs of Establishment Branch and General Branch of the office of Director, Local Government are concerned with the information asked for.

4. The Bench does not accept the contention of PIO for seeking purpose for providing information showing public interest involved from the appellant. Further, as per version of Smt. Sandeep Kaur, the PIO Establishment Branch and General Branch of the office of Director, Local Government Department, Punjab, Chandigarh are impleaded as Respondents and directed to supply information to the appellant on the points relating to them and also ensure to come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. The PIO/Superintendent, Local Govt.-3 Branch is directed to send the information on points relating to him to the appellant before the next hearing and to come present in person before the Bench.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.11.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
01.11.2022**

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

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