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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, in person.
- (ii) Smt. Tarsem Kaur, Superintendent, PIO/Respondent O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab- In person.
- (iii) Shri Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant, General Branch, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab - In person.
- (iv) Smt. Sandeep Kaur, Senior Assistant, Local Govt.-3 Branch, O/o Principal Secretary, Local Government, Punjab- in person.

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with the reference of the order dated 22.11.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant comes present to attend the hearing and states that he has not received the information yet.
3. Smt. Tarsem Kaur, Superintendent/PIO comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that the information letter dated 13.12.2022 containing point wise information has been brought along. She also states that reply to the show cause notice has also been given vide letter dated 13.12.2022. On the asking of the Bench, she hands over a copy of the same to the appellant in the court itself and also produces a copy before the Bench.

4. The appellant, after perusal of information supplied, expresses dis-satisfaction and states that no information has been provided regarding the Executive Officers and other official mentioned in the RTI application and that the information supplied is misleading. He also alleges that the PIO is trying to conceal the facts.

5. The PIO/Superintendent, PIO/Superintendent, General Branch O/o Director, Local Govt., and PIO/Superintendent, Local Govt.-3 Branch O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt. are directed to call the appellant to office and allow him access to the relevant records and the information as is identified by the appellant after inspection of records be provided to him before the next hearing. They are also directed to bring along the relevant record on the next hearing.

6. In view of the submissions made by the PIO/Superintendent, Establishment Branch O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, the show cause notice is dropped.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 30.01.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh  
13.12.2022

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