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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) Shri Aman Kumar, Senior Assistant, Establishment Branch O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh-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 13.12.2022 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 complete information yet.
3. Shri Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant, General Branch O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab comes present and refers to letter dated 12.01.2023 sent to the Commission stating that required information is to be supplied by Establishment Branch as well as by PIO Local Government-3 Branch and that the PIO General Branch may be exempted from appearance.

4. 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 the information has been supplied vide letter dated 13.12.2022 containing point wise information during the previous hearing.

4. The appellant is handed over a copy of the same in the court. After perusal of information supplied, he expresses dis-satisfaction and reiterates his statement made during the previous that 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.

5. The PIO/Superintendent, General Branch O/o Director, Local Govt. is exempted from appearance in further proceedings. The PIO/Superintendent, Local Govt.-3 Branch O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt. is again 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 and reply be given to the appellant clearly mentioning the points related to the Local Govt.-3 Branch. Similarly, the PIO Establishment Branch in the office of Director, Local Govt. Punjab is directed to provide information on point No.1 as in view of the submissions made by appellant, the Bench does not agree with the contention of point No.1 being personal information. He is also directed to send reply to the appellant again clearly stating the position on each point of RTI application to which it relates as also giving reply to the points relating to Establishment Branch and the reply to each point should be explicit and specific.

6. 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.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.03.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
30.01.2023**

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