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Shri Davinder Pal Singh, S/o Shri Gurdip Singh,  
H.No.94, Hargur Niwas, New Officers Colony,  
Patiala.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Director,  
Local Govt., Punjab, CHD.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Director,  
Local Govt., Punjab, CHD.

....Respondents

**AC No. 898 of 2023**

**Present: i)  
ii)**

**Appellant - Absent**

**Shri Munish Garg, Senior Assistant(General Branch) O/o Director Local Govt. for  
the Respondent - in person**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 12.10.2022 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 13.11.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The case has been heard today. As per respondent, the information is voluminous and relates to all Municipal Bodies/Councils of the State and it involves multiple PIOs since each local body has its own PIO. Further the information has to be created which will disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority. The appellant has been asked vide letter dated 01.11.2022 to get the information directly from the concerned local bodies. The respondent further states that they have only accumulated data and month-wise/Corporation/Council wise data is being maintained at the level of concerned Corporation/council.

3. The appellant is absent and vide email has sought exemption due to ill health.

4. Having gone through the documents available on file, the Bench further observes that the information asked for by the appellant has to be collected, collated and compiled, thereby resulting in wastage of time of multiple PIOs involved. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in matter of CBSE vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay, (2011) 8 SCC 497, held as under:-

“67. Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under the RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counterproductive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information. The Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquility and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the

authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritizing “information furnishing”, at the cost of their normal and regular duties.

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5. In view of the above, it does not seem to be appropriate for the appellant to seek information which may entail engaging 75% of the employees of a public authority to collect and compile the information for furnishing the same to the appellant. Hence the Bench advises the appellant to go for seeking information by filing separate RTI application before a specific public authority who has its separate PIO. However, the PIO O/o Director Local Bodies, is directed to send accumulated data as available in the official records to the appellant within 14 days of receipt of the order.

6. With the aforesaid observations and order, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
19.04.2023**

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

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Shri Ankush Gupta, S/o Shri Bala Bax Gupta,  
H.No.,165, Sector:20/C, Subhash Nagar AMloh,  
Distt:Fatehgarh Sahib. RTI application NO.20017.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o S.E,  
Irrigation, Pb, CHD

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o S.E,  
Irrigation, Pb, CHD

....Respondents

**AC No. 790 of 2023**

**Present: i) Appellant - Absent  
ii) Shri Vijay Singh, Senior Assistant for the Respondent - in person**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 23.06.2022 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 24.07.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today. As per respondent, the matter relates to personal dispute between appellant and his wife and on the basis of enquiry report of Executive Engineer/Vigilance & Quality Assessment Circle, Chandigarh dated 13.07.2022, the complaint has been examined and filed. The reply to this effect has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 18.07.2022. The respondent also submits a copy of reply in the Bench which is taken on record.
3. Appellant is absent nor is represented.
4. Having gone through the RTI application and reply of the PIO, the Commission finds that the RTI application has been sufficiently replied to and no further interference of the Commission is required. The case is **disposed off and closed**. Copies of order be sent to both the parties.

**Chandigarh  
19.04.2023**

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Shri Jasvir Singh, S/o Shri Inder Pal Singh,  
H.No.29, Gobindpura, Tehsil Nabha, Distt:Patiala.  
RTI application No.38505.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Patiala.

....Respondents

**AC No. 791 of 2023**

**Present: i) Appellant – Absent**  
**ii) Shri Jatin, Clerk O/o DC Patiala for the Respondent - in person**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 01.11.2022 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 03.12.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today. As per respondents, the information has been provided to the appellant by hand on 04.03.2023.
3. The appellant is absent however vide email has confirmed the receipt of information to his satisfaction.
4. Since the information stands provided, no further cause of action is left. The case is **disposed off and closed**. Copies of order be sent to both the parties.

**Chandigarh  
19.04.2023**

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