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Shri Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
Ward No.18, Street No.2,
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road,
Khanna, District Ludhiana-141401.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Council,
Khanna, District Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer/

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

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary,
Department of Local Govt., Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 918 of 2022

Present:

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Munish Rattan, Works Clerk, O/o E.O. Municipal Council, Khanna-in person.
- (ii) Shri Sandeep Kumar, Senior Assistant, Establishment Branch O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, -in person.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 24.01.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. The appellant Shri Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia has not come present in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Sandeep Kumar, Senior Assistant, Establishment Branch O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab comes present in person before the Bench and states that the RTI application of the appellant stands transferred to PIO Municipal Council, Khanna and that information on point No.3 & 4 has been supplied.
4. Shri Munish Rattan, Works Clerk, Municipal Council, Khanna comes present in person before the Bench and produces before the Bench copy of letter dated 31.01.2023 stating that information on point no.4 has been supplied to the appellant.

4. The Bench, on hearing the version of both the respondents, is unable to make out as to what exactly the information has been supplied to the appellant. The appellant is contacted on his mobile phone and is made to talk to the representative of PIO Municipal Council, Khanna. He expresses dis-satisfaction over the reply of respondent. Then the Bench talks to the appellant, he states that RTI application was not to be transferred to Municipal Council, Khanna as the entire information is available in the office of Director, Local Govt., Punjab.

5. The Bench, on perusal of earlier reply dated 25.01.2022, finds that some of the points stand transferred to Local Government-3 Branch of the office of Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab. The Bench directs the PIO O/o Local Govt.-3 Branch in the office of Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, PIO/Superintendent, Establishment Branch O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab and PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Khanna to supply information on the points relating to them and produce the relevant record before the Bench. The representative of PIO/Superintendent, Establishment Branch is directed to arrange to provide documents of the official mentioned in the RTI application, even though it may involve collection of the same from the stations where the said official may have been posted earlier before promotion.

6. All the PIOs concerned are also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 03.04.2023 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
01.02.2023**

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

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