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Shri Parduman Kumar,
S/o Shri Krishan Kumar,
R/o H.No.2631/9, O/s Ram Mohalla,
Katra Karam Singh, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 932 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Parduman Kumar, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **Shri Simranjit Singh, Clerk, Civil Wing, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar,
on behalf of the PIO/respondent- in person.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.10.2022 passed by this Bench during the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. Shri Parduman Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the information sought by him has not been provided to him so far and states that his RTI application stands transferred to PIO-cum-MTP, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar. He further states that he has received a letter dated 17.10.2022 which is not relevant to the information sought by him.

3. Shri Simranjit Singh, Clerk, Civil Wing, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench on behalf of the PIO. On the asking of the Bench as to why the PIO-cum-MTP, M.C. Amritsar has not come present in spite of bailable warrant issued, he is unable to reply.

4. The Bench observes that the PIO has absented himself for the fifth consecutive hearing in spite of bailable warrant and has deputed a Clerk Shri Simranjit Singh who is not fully aware of the facts and is from another Branch which is not concerned with the present RTI application.

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The Bench views this attitude and casual approach of the PIO towards directions of the Bench adversely. The Bench further observes that the PIO has neither filed reply to the show cause notice nor has deposited the amount of penalty Rs.5000/- imposed on him and has failed to comply with the directions of the Bench and also to come present in person before the Bench.

5. On the asking of the Bench, Shri Simranjit Singh apprises the Bench that Shri Meharban Singh is the Municipal Town Planner of Municipal Corporation, Amritsar and is the PIO. He is directed to supply information to the appellant and also ensure his presence before the Bench on the next hearing. He is also directed to bring along the relevant record and comply with the directions of the Bench in its entirety.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 30.11.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
02.11.2022**

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

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**Shri Meharban Singh, Municipal Town Planner/PIO, Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar for compliance.**