PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION RED CROSS BUILDING, NEAR ROSE GARDEN, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

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Smt. Manu Garg, D/o Shri Ishwar Dutt, B-37-343, TOBA, Vijay Singh, Ward NO.47, Patiala. RTI application NO. 38511.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o DC, Patiala.

Public Information Officer

-cum-Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Nabha Road, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority

O/o DC, Patiala.

....Respondents

AC No. 947 of 2023

Present: i) Appellant - Absent

ii) Shri Surinderjit Singh, Assistant Enviornmentaal Engineer O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala and Shri Amit Kumar, Junior Assistant O/o DC Patiala for the PIO - in person

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 01.11.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 04.12.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The case has been heard today. As per respondent present from the office of Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala, the information has been provided to the appellant vide letters dated 01.09.2022, 04.11.2022, 20.12.2022 and 10.02.2023 and a copy of the same has been sent to the Commission. The respondent also submits a copy of information/reply in the Commission which is taken on record.
- 3. The appellant is absent. The appellant is contacted on her mobile and she states that the information provided is irrelevant and not as per her RTI application.
- 4. Having gone through the RTI application and reply of the APIO, the Bench observes that the documents that have been provided relate to some other case whereas in the notice of hearing issued by the Commission, entire detail of the case has been forwarded to PIO. The PIO however has not addressed the RTI application correctly and sent documents of some other case without going through the relevant file. I am marking this to the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala with the direction to reconcile the RTI application and provide relevant and correct inputs relating to the action taken on the complaint of the appellant. The PIO is also directed to come present in person before the Bench to attend the next hearing.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 19.06.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Sd/-

Chandigarh 25.04.2023

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