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V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Banur, Distt. – S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)(Punjab)

...Respondents

....Appellant

# Appeal Case No. 1123 of 2023

Present: Sh. Manjit Singh(M.-9254603440), on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Plumber on behalf of the respondent

#### ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

- 2. The RTI request is dated 05.04.2022. First appeal is dated 18.07.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.02.2023.
- 3. After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter dated 11.04.2023, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 20.09.2023. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.
- 4. Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Ramesh Kumar Kapoor in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given by the respondent.
- 5. After perusing the case file, it is observed that Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Plumber is appearing on behalf of the respondent. Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Plumber, a very low level official has been deputed by the PIO/APIO to appear before the commission, who is not in a position to explain the facts and reply the queries of the Commission with responsibility. Such conduct of the PIO/APIO is deplorable. Such kind of behavior of

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PIO needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties. The Director Local Govt., Plot No. 3, Sector 35A, Chandigarh is directed to look into this case and ask for their explanation as to why PIO/APIO did not bother to come himself or to send responsible official to attend the proceedings in the Commission. Next time penalty provisions will be invoked in such kind of undesirable conduct.

To come up on 1st May, 2023 at 11:00 A. M. for further hearings in the Commission. 6. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date:12th April, 2023

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon) **State Information Commissioner Punjab** 

CC: Deputy Director, Local Government, Plot No. 3, Sector 35A, Chandigarh