



Sh Ashok Kumar, (M-8837787496)
H NO 214, Pine Homes,
Dhakoli, Zirakpur-140603

.....Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Derabassi
Distt Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (Urban Development) , Mohali

2. Public Information Officer, (Registered post)
O/o ADC (Urban Development) , Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No. 283 of 2023

PRESENT: (i) None for the Appellant
(ii) **For the Respondent:** Sh Tarsem, Junior Assistant (8283009315) O/o
Respondent no. 2

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.02.2023 vide which PIO O/o ADC (Urban Development) Mohali was impleaded as Respondent no. 2.

2. The Appellant is not present today. However, the Appellant has filed an e-mail intimating that he is sick and cannot attend the hearing today. Copy of the same is taken on record.

3. Sh Tarsem, Junior Assistant is appearing on behalf of Respondent no. 2 and states that information pertaining to point no. 4 and 5 is very voluminous.

4. After perusing the case file, it is ascertained that, the information demanded by the Appellant on point no. 4 and 5 is very voluminous. The Appellant may note that The Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 Central Board of Secondary Education **Vs** Aditya Bandopadhyay and ors. has in its judgment dated 09.08.2011 observed as under –



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(37 Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under 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 counter-productive 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 prioritising 'information furnishing', at the cost of their normal and regular duties.)

5. Since, the information is very voluminous hence, the Appellant is directed to inspect the record pertaining to point no. 3 and 4, in the O/o Respondent, *on any working day, with prior intimation*, and obtain the information. Further, the respondent shall provided copies thereof, according to his RTI application, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. To come up on **21.04.2023 at 12:00PM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
15.03.2023

Sd/-
(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab