



Sh.Udit Bhatia
S/o Sh. Vijay Bhatia. House No. 2066/2, Sector 47C
Chandigarh - 160047

.....Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o DC, SAS Nagar

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, SAS Nagar

Public Information Officer
o/o Animal Husbandry, Punjab
DC Complex, SAS Nagar

.....Respondent

AC No. 4184 of 2022

PRESENT: (i) Sh. Udit Bhatia the appellant
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Gurmeet Singh, Sr. Assistant (9914871939)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 16.04.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.09.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.11.2022 in the Commission.
3. The appellant Sh. Udit Bhatia states that no information has been given to him so far.
4. The respondent states that they have not received the RTI of the appellant so far.
5. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the respondents are being represented by very low level officials who are not in a position to satisfy the commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of low level officials will amount to



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disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also award of compensation to the appellant and also recommendation of disciplinary action against the PIO under Section 20 of RTI Act, 2005.

Copy of the RTI is handed over to the appellant in the Commission.

6. Further, the respondent Sh. Gurmeet Singh has given in writing that the information is lying with PIO, o/o Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry, Punjab, SAS Nagar. Hence, PIO, o/o Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry, Punjab, SAS Nagar is impleaded as respondent no. 2.

7. To come up on **07.12.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**Chandigarh
04.11.2022**

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