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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4682 of 2022

Present : (i) None on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Jashanpreet Singh, DRO-cum-PIO (9888048333) on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2022, vide which the appellant was not present.

2. Today, again the appellant is not present. He has even not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

3. The respondent states that the information is lying with three Tehsildars i.e. Tehsildar, Nawanshahr, Banga and Balachaur and he transferred the RTI to three PIOs. He has also filed his reply

4. From the perusal of the information, it is clear that the information demanded by the information seeker relates to different PIOs. Each of these authorities has also separate PIOs. Under-section 6(1)(a) a person seeking information has to apply to the concerned public authority. It is not the job of one PIO to collect and thereafter collate this information from different PIOs of different Public Authorities and then supply the same to the

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appellant. Appellant may note that there is a clear mention in the orders of former CIC in CC: 05 of 2010 which is reproduced as under:-

"that this obligation under Section 6 of the Act is to transfer the application to 'that other public authority' and not to public 'authorities'. The expression used in Section 6 is 'authority' and not 'authorities'. Simply put, the PIO is expected to transfer a request which does not relate to him but has nevertheless been received by him, one identifiable authority. He is not expected to transfer such a request if information is held by many or a number of authorities. The rational is that a PIO is not a post office or a coordinator for forwarding requests from information seekers to various departments. Legislature has merely facilitated the information seekers by empowering PIO who inadvertently receives request pertaining to another PIO to forward it to the concerned PIO".

5. I find no merit in the appeal and the same is **dismissed**. The appellant may however approach the concerned PIOs with fresh application/s if he wants the information. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :11th January, 2023

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
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