



Mandeep Singh, S/o Sh. Rattan Singh,
Village – Devi Nagar,
Tehsil – Derabassi,
Distt. – S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) - 140507(Punjab)
(M.-9855562925)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Derabassi (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Derabassi (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5447 of 2022

Present : Sh. Mandeep Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Hans Raj, Building Inspector (M.-7837120700) , on behalf of the
respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 25.06.2022. First appeal is dated 23.09.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 10.11.2022.
3. Sh. Hans Raj, Building Inspector, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply has already been given to the appellant . He further states that the information demanded by the appellant is in the shape of question.
4. The appellant, Sh. Mandeep Singh, states that he is not satisfied with the same.
5. After going over the contents of the reply given by respondent PIO, it emerges that the queries raised through RTI request are not in 'question' form.
6. 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 less than PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of low level officials will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of

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imposition of penalty and also award of compensation to the complainant and also recommendation of disciplinary action against PIO under Section 20(2) of RTI Act, 2005.

7. Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO, o/o EO, Nagar council, Derabassi to appear before the Commission alongwith point wise reply, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI act will be initiated.

8. To come up on **23rd January, 2023 at 12:00 PM for further hearing.** Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :2nd January, 2023

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