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K J V Singh,  
H. No. 60 A, Sector 44-A,  
Chandigarh - 160047(Punjab)  
(M.- 9650774076)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Tehsildar,  
Derabassi (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 5583 of 2022**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Ravinder Singh, Stenographer (M.- 9877269400), for the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 25.08.2022. First appeal is dated 08.09.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.11.2022.

3. The appellant, Sh. K J V Singh is not present in today's hearing.

4. Sh. Ravinder Singh, Stenographer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information demanded by the appellant regarding collector rates for the period from the year 2001 – 2002 is not available in the official-record. He further adds that the information pertaining to the year 2003- 2004 is available.

5. The respondent is directed to file an affidavit regarding the same on the next date of hearing. 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 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.

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6. To come up on to 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 at 12:00 P. M. for further hearing in the Commission. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2023

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