



Rajnish Bharara

H. No. 520, Preet Colony,
Zirakpur,
Distt. – S.A.S. NagaraMohali) - 140603(Punjab)
(M.-9918896100)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

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

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6004 of 2022

Present : Sh. Rajnish Bharara, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate(M.-98764-68637) ;
ii) Sh. Lakhvir Singh, Building Inspector (M.-9914780020), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 31.08.2022. First appeal is dated 13.10.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.11.2022.

3. Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, who appeared with Sh. Lakhvir Singh, Building Inspector, in today's hearing, hands over a reply to the appellant vide letter no. 23 dated 24.01.2023 during the hearing in the Commission intimating that the information demanded through RTI request is not specific, moreover, voluminous in nature and also submits a copy of the reply to the Commission. It is taken on record.

4. The appellant, Sh. Rajnish Bharara, who appeared in person in today's hearing, expresses his dis-satisfaction over the given reply as he has demanded information specifically through RTI request regarding 'Preet Colony' and also alleges that the respondent PIO is deliberately causing the delay in supplying the requisite information to him.

5. After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that there is a delay of more than three months in giving response to the RTI request of the information seeker.

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6. In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Zirakpur, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

7. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

8. The directions are hereby given to the PIO to file a point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the appellant through his RTI request .

9. With this, the case is adjourned to 21st February, 2023 at 12:00 P. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :25th January, 2023

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab