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Ashok Kumar, H. No. 214, Pine Homes, Dhakoli, Zirakpur (Punjab) (M.-8837787496)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Lalru, Distt. - S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Addl. D. C.(Urban), S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 75 of 2023

V/s

Present: None is present on behalf of the appellant

For the respondent: Sh. Ashok Pathria, EO-cum-PIO (9988016700)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.03.2023, passed by the Commission.

- 2. Today again the appellant is not present. He has sent an email stating that "I have received information vide PIO-cum-EO, Mc, Lalru office letter no. 887 dated 13.04.2023 in the said appeal case no. 75 of 2023 after the lapse of more than 240 days. There is no information pending to be taken in respect of my said RTI application. It is requested to decide the case on merits please. It is requested that due to certain unavoidable circumstances I cannot attend the hearing on 24.04.2023 personally please".
- 3. In the above mentioned circumstances, it is clear that the appellant has received the information. Regarding delay, it is observed that there are glaring systemic deficiencies in the office of EO, MC, Lalru. Appropriate mechanism has not been provided to keep the record properly by the public authority due to which the information / request under RTI Act, 2005 are not being served properly. However, PIO-Respondent is warned to be careful

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in future while dealing with the RTI applications. *I am*, *therefore*, *left with no option but* to disposed of the instant appeal. *I order accordingly*. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :24th April, 2023 (Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab