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Shri Gagandeep Singh Threeke, (93166 11011)

R/o H. No. 208, Aryan Enclave Main Sua Road, Near Geeta Mandir Chowk, Village & Post Office Threeke, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, **O/o** Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Ludhiana – I.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2490 OF 2022 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

PRESENT: Shri Gagandeep Singh Threeke, Appellant. None on behalf of the Respondents

ORDER (FIRST HEARING):

The RTI application is dated 22.02.2022 vide which the Appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 25.03.2022 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.05.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act) and Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 02.11.2022.

2. The Appellant states that information sought has not been provided to him.

3. The PIO is absent for today's hearing, inspite of the Notice/Orders of the Commission. This shows his disregard to the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously as it has affected hearing and disposal of the case.

4. The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Ludhiana – I is directed to appear personally along with the entire records related to the RTI application of the appellant.

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5. The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Ludhiana is also directed to appear personally along with complete record as per RTI application of the appellant on the next date of hearing.

6. In view of the above, both the PIO and FAA are directed to bring along the complete information and to present this case personally in the Commission. In case the information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then both are directed to file an <u>Affidavit/Undertaking</u> in this regard and produce the same before the Bench, on the next date of hearing, failing which action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated.

7. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **23.01.2023 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission. Both the parties are directed to present their case personally.

Chandigarh 02.11.2022 Sd/-(Maninder Singh Patti) State Information Commissioner, Punjab