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Shri Balwant Singh, (97797 33566)

S/o Shri Arjan Singh,
Village Kherhi Gorchian, P.O Kalyana,
Tehsil & Distt. Patiala.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat Jahlan,
Block Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2768 OF 2022 **(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Akashdeep Singh, Panchayat Secretary (90413 95413) for the PIO

ORDER (FIRST HEARING):

The RTI application is dated 26.11.2021 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 08.01.2022 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.06.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act) and Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 11.10.2022.

2. The Respondent verbally states that information sought by the appellant is in questionnaire and as such not available in the official records in the form, as sought by the appellant, whereas the Appellant is absent.

3. In view of the above, the PIO is directed to provide the complete information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing and should present this case personally through Cisco Webex. In case information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is directed to file an **Affidavit/Undertaking** in this regard and produce the same before the Bench, on the next date of hearing, failing which action will be initiated against the PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. The Appellant is directed to follow up his case in the Commission, failing which decision shall be taken on merits.

5. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **16.01.2023 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645**. Both the parties are directed to present their case accordingly.

Chandigarh
11.10.2022

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