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Shri Balwant Singh, (97797 33566)

S/o Shri Arjan Singh, Village Kherhi Gorhian, 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: Shri Balwant Singh, Appellant (On Telephone) Shri Akashdeep Singh, Panchayat Secretary (90413 95413; 83608 54970) for the Respondents

ORDER (SECOND HEARING):

- This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.10.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The Respondent reiterated his earlier version 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.
- 3. Since the Appellant is absent, he is contacted on his mobile phone. He states that information sought has not been provided to him.
- LAST OPPORTUNITY is given to Shri Sukhminder Singh Tiwana, BDPO, Block Shambhu Kalan, District Patiala to provide available information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing and should present this case personally through Cisco Webex.



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- 5. In case information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is directed to file a point wise reply in the shape of Affidavit duly attested by the Notary Public in respect of the RTI application of the appellant and produce the same before the Bench, on the next date of hearing, failing which **PENALTY** will be imposed upon the PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- 6. The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Patiala is also directed to ensure compliance of the order from his respective subordinates, before the next date of hearing.
- 7. The Appellant is also directed to follow up his case in the Commission, failing which decision shall be taken on merits.
- The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 05.04.2023 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645. Both the parties are directed to present their case accordingly.

Chandigarh 16.01.2023

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

Copy of above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary compliance:-(Regd. Post):

- 1) The Additional Deputy Commissioner, Urban Development, Patiala.
- 2) The District Development & Panchayat Officer (By Name) - cum – First Appellate Authority, Patiala.
- Shri Sukhwinder Singh Tiwana, BDPO – cum – PIO, O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Block Sambhu Kalan, District Patiala.