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Prahlad Singh Dhiman, H. No. 113, Old M. C. Office Road, Near Sonu Sweets, Zirakpur (Punjab) (M.-9815749455)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o MC, Zirakpur

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), S. A. S. Nagar(Mohai) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4538 of 2022

Present : (i) Sh Prahlad Singh Dhiman, Appellant

(ii) **For the Respondent** : Sh Lakhvir Singh, Buiding Inspector (991418000) and Sh Gulshan Mehta, Counsel for the Respondent (9876468637)

<u>ORDER</u>

1. The RTI application is dated 03.03.2022 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 12.05.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.09.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.11.2022 in the Commission.

3. Sh Gulshan Mehta-counsel for the Respondent states that the information sought by the Appellant is not specific and that they have sent their reply to the Appellant stating the same. Further, they have also filed their reply today regarding the same.

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4. The Appellant states that he has not received any information till date. Further, he also states that the Respondent-PIO has neither sent any information /reply to him within the time period, as prescribed under the RTI Act.

5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that the Respondent-PIO has not provided the information to the Appellant. Further, the Respondent-PIO has also filed their written reply today. I have gone through the same and do not agree with it. Hence, the Appellant is directed to inspect the record in the O/o Respondent on 21.11.2022 at 11:00AM, inspect the relevant records, identify the documents copies whereof are required by him; and the respondent shall provided copies thereof, according to his RTI application, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. Further, it is also ascertained that there has been a delay on the part of the Respondent-PIO to provide information to the Appellant within the prescribed time period under the RTI Act. *However, the Respondent is warned to be careful in future while dealing with the RTI applications.*

7. To come up on **19.12.2022 at 12:00PM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties. Sd/-

Date : 18.11.2022

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon) State Information Commissioner Punjab