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Smt.Madhu Sharma, W/o Sh. Sawtantar Kumar,
4811/1, Sector-38 (West),
Chandigarh.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Water Supply and Sanitation, Division-2,
Ludhiana Metro Road, Partap Chowk,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SE, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,
Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1850 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Gagandeep Singh Sandhu-PIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellate through an RTI application dated 05.12.2019 has sought information regarding the enlistment of M/s M.S.Constructions, Pro Mrs Mamta Sharma w/o Sanjeev Sharma Civil Lines, Lajpat Nagar Ludhiana – approval issued for all works – Bills passed at division level & subdivision level – work order issued – payment along with vouchers – payment made through division office – payment made through subdivision office and other information concerning the office of Xen Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.2, Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 07.01.2020 which took no decision on the appeal. After filing the first appeal, the PIO sent a reply to the appellant on 21.01.2020 to which the appellant was not satisfied and filed a 2nd appeal in the Commission.

The case last came up for hearing on **08.02.2021** through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

On the date of the last hearing on **25.05.2021**, the respondent pleaded that the appellant had earlier filed similar RTI applications for seeking exactly the same information which was disposed of by the State Information Commission on the basis of available information provided and affidavit.

The appellant was absent on 2nd consecutive hearing to pursue the case nor has communicated any legitimate reasons for the absence.

The PIO was directed to submit copies of earlier RTI applications filed by the appellant and the orders of the State Information Commissioner thereon. The appellant was given last opportunity to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing to pursue the case otherwise the matter will be decided ex-parte.

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On the date of last hearing on **24.08.2021**, the PIO was absent.

Sh.Ravarinder Singh, SDO Water Supply Div-3 was present on behalf of the PIO and informed that the Xen-cum-PIO is in some important meeting and has requested for adjournment.

The case was adjourned. The PIO was directed be present personally on the next date of hearing and submit copies of earlier RTI applications filed by the appellant and the orders of the State Information Commissioner thereon otherwise the Commission will be constrained to issue show cause notice for non-compliance with the order of the Commission.

On the date of hearing **11.10.2021**, both the parties were absent.

The Commission received an email from the PIO stating that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 06.10.2021. The PIO further informed telephonically that due to sudden death of his close relative, he was unable to attend the hearing and requested for some other date. The PIO also sent a copy of his leave application through email which was taken on the file of the Commission.

The PIO was directed to appear before the Commission on 14.10.2021 at 11.30 AM at Chandigarh.

The case has come up for hearing today. Sh.Gagandeep Singh Sandhu-PIO is present and has submitted a reply which has been taken on the file of the Commission. The PIO has further informed that the information that was sent to the appellant on 06.10.2021, has received back with the remarks of postal authorities "No such person in the address"

The respondent has brought the information which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

Since the information has been sent, there is no further interference required in the matter.

The case is **disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated: 14.10.2021

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner