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Sh. K.N.S. Sodhi,
H.no. 1634, Sector 70,
SAS Nagar, Mohali.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Corporation,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority
o/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Corporation,
Mohali.

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 726 of 2020 & Appeal Case No. 2330 of 2020

Present:- Sh. KNS Sodhi, appellant.
Dr. Tamana, Medical Officer (Health) –cum-Public Information Officer
9814970505, Sh. Ranjeev Kumar, Secretary, Municipal Corporation,
Mohali, 9814377099 Sh. Harpreet Singh, Executive Engineer, Municipal
Corporation, 9988802389 Sh. Paramvir Singh, Legal Assistant
9915742220 9872157097 9417999908 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated
14.12.2021.

2. The respondent-Public Information Officer – Dr. Tamanna, Medical Officer (Health) states that as per Agenda Item No. 36 of F&C Committee meeting dated 08.03.2019, there was a footnote in the proceedings of meeting about slipping of ranking in Swachh Safai Abhiyan vide which, the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation was instructed by the Mayor to conduct an inquiry and submit report within 7 days but no such report submitted by the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation to the Mayor, is available on record as has been sought by the appellant. She also handed over the information pertaining to data/ recommendation of Municipal Corporation sent to Government of India for ranking of Municipal

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Corporation for the year 2019-20 to the appellant during the course of hearing comprising 400 pages. Regarding 2018-19, she states that the data/recommendation are not available on record as the employee posted as MIS during the said period, has already left the job as he was on contractual appointment.

3. Also, Sh. Ranjiv Kumar, Secretary, Municipal Corporation, Mohali submitted the copies of letters regarding action taken on the RTI Application of the appellant bearing No. 43 dated 13.12.2021, which is taken on record and a copy of the same has been handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing. He also tender unconditional apology for the same and requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him.

4. However, the appellant states that the website of the Municipal Corporation, Mohali has not been updated regularly in compliance of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005. He further states that the Public Information Officer and the First Appellant Authority has not been correctly updated as Dr. Tamanna is the PIO of the Corporation and the First Appellate Authority is Mrs. Harkirat Kaur. However, as per the website, Sh. Ranjiv Kumar has been shown as Public Information Officer and First Appellate Authority has been shown as Dr. Kanu Thind, PCS, Joint Commissioner, who has already been transferred a month back.

5. Also, Sh. Ranjiv Kumar, Secretary, Municipal Corporation states that the website of the Municipal Corporation could not be updated because of the retirement of the Programmer concerned, which is not tenable.

6. After hearing both the parties, it is observed that the Municipal Corporation has not updated the list of Public Information Officer/First Appellate Authority in compliance of Section 4 of the RTI Act on the one hand and the information/data/recommendation pertaining to the year 2018-19 has not been

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supplied to the appellant so far. Accordingly, in the public interest, Sh. K.K. Garg IAS, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Mohali is directed to remain present on the next date of hearing and submit the action taken to recover the record pertaining to 2018-2019 as mentioned herein. Although it is not the subject matter of the RTI application of the appellant but in the public interest he is also directed to submit the response regarding updation of list of Public Information Officer/First Appellate Authority in compliance of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005. The decision regarding show cause notice issued to Sh. Ranjiv Kumar, Secretary, Municipal Corporation Mohali will be taken on the next date of hearing.

7. To come up on 8.2.2022 at 12.30 PM at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Sd
(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner,
Punjab

sd
(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Dated : 14.12.2021

PS/SIC (MSP)

Sh. Sh. K.K. Garg IAS, **(Regd.)**
Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Mohali

Sh. Ranjeev Kumar, **(Regd.)**
Secretary,
Municipal Corporation,
Mohali

Sh. Harpreet Singh, **(Regd.)**
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Dr. Tamana, Medical Officer (Health) **(Regd.)**

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