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Sh.Jatinder Kumar,
C/o Sachkhand Mishthan Bhandar,
Nehru Gate, Nawanshehar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Govt.Deptt, Sector-35-A,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Govt.Deptt, Sector-35-A,
Chandigarh

..Respondent

Appeal case No.1064 of 2020

**Present: Sh.Jatinder Kumar as the Appellant
None for the Respondent**

Order:

The appellant through RTI application dated 22.08.2019 has sought information regarding action taken on the application dated 11.06.2019 for appointing some other officers of the rank of Retired Session Judge/Chief Vigilance Officer in place of earlier enquiry officer and other information concerning the office of Principal Secretary, Local Govt Department, Punjab, Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information, after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 27.11.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was first heard on 18.08.2020 through video conferencing at DAC Nawanshahar. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The notice issued by the Commission to the PIO O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt. Punjab was returned back with the remarks of the postal authorities "Refused by Under Secretary".

The Commission directed the Principal Secretary, Local Govt.Department, Punjab to look into the matter that why the notice of the Commission had been refused. A copy of the notice and a copy of the envelope with remarks of postal authority was attached with the order for reference. The PIO was directed to look at the RTI application and provide the information to the appellant within 15 days. The PIO was also directed to appear personally on the next date of hearing.

On the date of last hearing on 23.09.2020, the respondent brought the sought information. A copy of the information was attached with the order for the appellant's perusal. The appellant was directed to point out the discrepancies, if any, to the PIO with a copy to the Commission. The PIO was directed to remove the same.

Hearing dated 15.03.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Nawanshahr. The respondent is absent.

The PIO vide letter received in the Commission on 18.02.2021 has informed that the information has been provided to the appellant and the appellant has acknowledged having received the information. The respondent has sent a copy of acknowledgement of the appellant which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

The appellant is present and has informed that he has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated:15.03.2021

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

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....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, GMADA,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o GMADA,
Mohali.

....Respondent

Appeal Case .No. 4468 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Gurvinder Singh, PIO-GMADA for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 08.08.2019 has sought information on 10 points regarding BOOTH No.72-C, Sector 67, SAS Nagar Mohali – successful bidders of auction of booth notices issued for recovery of extra charges relating to booth No.9-C, 10-C & 71-Ci, and other information concerning the office of EO-GMADA Mohali. The appellant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 10.10.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 08.06.2020 through video conferencing at DAC, Mohali. The respondent pleaded that the information relates to APIO-EO GMADA. The appellant was absent.

The PIO was directed to provide the information to the appellant as per the RTI application and explain the reasons for delay in attending to the RTI application.

The case was last heard on **27.07.2020** through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. Due to internet problem, the video conferencing could not take place. As per information from DC office Mohali, the appellant was absent. The respondent PIO was present on Whatsapp and informed that the information on points 1,2 & 3 has been provided to the appellant and since the information regarding points 4 to 10 relates to the SDO-Building Branch, they have been asked to provide the information. The respondent assured to provide the remaining information within 10 days.

The respondent was directed to procure the information regarding points 4 to 10 from the concerned branch and send it to the appellant within 10 days with a copy to the Commission.

On the date of last hearing on **18.08.2020**, the respondent present brought the information. The appellant was absent. The respondent was directed to send the information to the appellant through registered post. The appellant was directed to point out the discrepancies if any and appear before the Commission to pursue his case on the next date of hearing.

Hearing dated 15.03.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 01.10.2020.

At the last hearing, the respondent brought the information. Since the appellant was absent, the respondent was directed to send the information to the appellant through registered post and the appellant was directed to point out the discrepancies if any and appear before the Commission to pursue his case. The appellant is absent nor has communicated any discrepancies. It is presumed that the appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed**.

**Chandigarh
Dated 15.03.2021**

**Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner**