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Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village Bholapur, Jhabewal,
P.O. Ramgarh,
District Ludhiana 141123 98886296107

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
Deputy Commissioner
District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
District Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3349 of 2021
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh.Ashok Kumar, Supdt _____ o/o GLADA on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 16.10.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 24.2.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.7.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the appellant has also sought the similar information in Complaint Case No. 341 of 2021 in which the information has already been supplied and the order of the Commission dated 5.4.2021 are also being complied with. He further states that the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana has transferred the RTI application to the GLADA and requested to close the present case.

3. Since the appellant has already been supplied the similar information by GLADA in Complaint Case No. 341 of 2021 and the order dated 5.4.2021 of the Commission is being complied with. As far as the present case is concerned the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana has already transferred the RTI application of the appellant to the GLADA. Therefore, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

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Dated: 15.9.2021

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
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Sh. KNS Sodhi

1634, Sector 70,

Mohali 9872070863

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Punjab State Information Commission,

Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

o/o Punjab State Information Commission,

Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3347 of 2021

Present:- Sh. KNS Sodhi, appellant.

Sh. Sudhir Kumar, S.O.-cum-Public Information Officer on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 22.3.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 23.5.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.7.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant has sought the following information:-

"1. Kindly submit the copy of Report of Governance Reform Commission and Survey Conducted by it, relating to RTI Act, in the year 2011. Particulars if any displayed on public domain. As per minutes of 39th Meeting of Punjab State Information Commission.

2. Name of the agency, particulars of agency to whom this survey was entrusted. In 2011 and in 2019

a) Date of submission of report.

b) Amount/remuneration/fee paid to this agency

c) Detail, particulars of report communicated to departments

d) Details of communications made by Committee with various department. Provide copies of communication.

3. Name of particulars of agency to whom this survey was entrusted in 2011 and 2019.

a) Date of submission of report.

b) Amount/remuneration/fee paid to this agency

c) Detail, particulars of report communicated to departments

d) Details of communications made by Committee with various department. Provide copies of communication.

4. There is gross violation of Section 4 of the RTI Act, by Local Self Govt. Punjab. Particularly by Public Information Officer, Municipal Corporation Mohali, despite

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lodging complaint and appeal under RTI Act

- AC 1827 of 2019 has been registered by clubbing both these appeals. This appeal case stands allocated to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC (Nidharak Singh Brar). Despite instructions of Hon'ble Commission, Public Information Officer Mr. Ranveer Singh has violated provision of section 4(1). After 20.4.2020 not even single copy of proceedings of minutes of meeting has been inserted in website. Kindly intimate reasons for not complying with provision of Section 4(1) by Public Information Officer. Remedies available to public against gross violation of provisions by such habitual Public Information Officer violators.

5. *Detail particulars of recommendations, violator observed, implementation report implemented by Punjab State Information Commission, Governance Reform Department, if any.*

6. *Detail particulars of recommendation of second Reform Committee of 2011 detail note submitted for consideration of full house meeting. Action taken report by Commission under provision of RTI act, for violating guidelines.*

7. *Kindly intimate status of fresh survey report recommended, whether report has been submitted, if submitted submit copy of report.*

8. *If Govt. has been approached, for conducting audit in 2019 kindly provide copies of communication exchanged with Govt. for formation of agency.*

9. *Kindly provide particulars contact detail of agency so that necessary particulars detail of violators, department/habitual Public Information Officer can be intimated to agency. Brief detail of violators can be submitted by public.*

A) Whether any public notice has been given to receive feedback from public, If so, kindly provide copy, if not issue notice for public for giving their comment/feedback."

3. The representative of the respondents states that the information as available on record has already been supplied except a copy of audit concerning the RTI Act, 2005 conducted in 2019. He also states that the link of the audit report concerning the RTI Act, 2005 pertaining to year 2019 will be provided on the website of the Commission i.e. www.infocommpunjab.com as and when the same will be finalized. Regarding the audit report of 2011 concerning the RTI Act, 2005, the representative of the respondents states that the same is available on the website i.e. <https://www.pbrdp.gov.in/documents/6205745/11709962/Fifth%20Status%20Report%20for%20PGRC%20%28updated%20on%2016.12.pdf>

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and also handed over a copy of the same to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to ensure that the RTI applications be dealt with strictly within the time frame fixed as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. After deliberations with both the parties regarding the sought information, the appellant shows his satisfaction with the submissions made by the respondent-Public Information Officer. Accordingly, the Commission observes that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated: 15.9.2021

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