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**Rakesh Kumar Gupta,**  
S/o Sh. Des Raj Gupta,  
# 8/237, Jagraon Road,  
Mandi Mullanpur,  
District Ludhiana-141101

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council Mullanpur Dakha,  
District Ludhiana – 141 101  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Deputy Director Local Bodies,  
Mini Secretariat,  
Ludhiana – 141 001

## **Appeal Case No. 253 & 258 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Rakesh Kumar Gupta (Appellant) 98149-24851 via Cisco Webex  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **19.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding cancellation of empanelment and debarring of architect Nikita Gupta**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.1.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.8.2021**.
2. The respondent PIO is absent but has informed this Commission that he is pre-occupied with a matter at Civil Court, Ludhiana. The appellant joined this hearing via Cisco Webex.
3. Notably, the information sought by the appellant in this Appeal Case is identical to that requested in Appeal Case No. 253 of 2021. While the RTI applications linked to AC No. 253 and 258 of 2021 were addressed to the PIO o/o Regional Deputy Director Urban Local Government, Ludhiana and the PIO-cum-EO MC Mullanpur-Dakha, the Second Appeals submitted to this Commission, are accompanied by apparently false declaration as under:-

“Certified that the matter by the appellant under appeal has not been previously filed or pending or decided by any of the Commissioners in any complaint or appeal.”

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4. The appellant, Rakesh Kumar Gupta is herewith, asked to explain how/why he made the above declaration while seeking identical information in two separate appeal cases, whereas he ought to have apprised the Commission of the correct facts.

**Sd/-**

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

19.8.2021