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Rohit Sabharwal,

S/o Sh. Vijay Shabharwal, # 126, Model Gram, Kundan Bhawan, Ludhiana-141002

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Secretary, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. Public Information officer, o/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-A, Headquarter, Mata Rani Chowk, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,

### Appeal Case No. 4899 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

#### PRESENT:

Ludhiana.

Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate (for the Appellant) 99882-51671 Gourav Kumar, JE from the Zone A (for the Respondent) 99882-91286 Simranjit Singh, SDO from Zone B (for the Respondent) 75082-43093

#### ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 19.7.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding complaint no. RS/95/3 Dated 18.2.2021, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 26.8.2021 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.10.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on 2.9.2022.
- 2. Both parties are present. As per a reply sent by the respondents, the requested information has been denied as "nonspecific and voluminous". To support said decision, the respondents have cited four separate judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the State Information Commission, Punjab. The Commission has examined the RTI application and concurs with the respondent that the information requested is not only voluminous but would require considerable man-hours on part of the respondents to collect and collate. The appellant who is represented by Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, states that the RTI application has also requested an opportunity to inspect the relevant record at point no. 6.
- 3. The respondent PIOs representatives at this hearing Gourav Kumar, JE, B&R from Zone A and Simranjit Singh, SDO, B&R from Zone B, state that most of the old record would be in safe keeping in the office of Record Keeper.

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- 4. Sh. Simranjit Singh, SDO, B&R from Zone B who is present at today's hearing, is hereby directed to communicate the name and contact number of the record keeper MC, Ludhiana and the concerned PIO's name, contact number and designation to the Commission via telephone/whatsapp before the end of the working hours today itself. The detail of PIO office of record keeper received from Sh. Simranjit Singh, SDO, is as under:-
  - 1. Sh. Tejinder Pal Singh, PIO-cum-Secretary, MC, Ludhiana (Mob: 9780091100)
  - 2. Sh. Sushil Kumar, record keeper (Mob: 9988809961)

The concerned PIO be notified to arrange an inspection of the relevant record by the appellant at 11.00 am on 20.10.2022.

5. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 Signature of the PIO Name of the PIO Name of the Public Authority Date

5. <u>Next hearing on 17.11.2022\_at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.</u>

Sd/(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 2.9.2022