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Shri Lajpat Rai
S/o Shri Harbans Lal,
House No.B-3/287,
Romana Street, Jaito,
District Faridkot.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Chief Director,
Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Director,
Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No.4173 of 2019

Present: (i) **Shri Lajpat Rai, Appellant in person before the Bench.**
(ii) **Shri Sukhminder Singh, Inspector, O/o Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, Mohali and Shri Devinder Singh, ASI, in person on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 19.07.2021 passed by the Bench on the previous hearing.
2. Shri Lajpat Raj, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person at PSIC. He states that he has filed RTI application dated 20.04.2019 to the PIO O/o Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab seeking information regarding the action taken on the complaints made by Sh. Gursewak Singh S/o Ram Singh, Bimla Devi W/o Durga Dass and Naib Singh S/o Manohar Singh against Sh. Balwinder Singh, Clerk of Municipal Council, Jaito, which has not been supplied to him yet.
3. Shri Sukhminder Singh, Inspector, O/o Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, Mohali comes present along with Shri Devinder Singh, ASI to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. On the asking of the Bench, he states that with regard to these complaints, Enquiry Case No.29/18/FDK was instituted and the enquiry was marked to the SSP Vigilance, Bathinda on 14.07.2018 for verification of the facts. The SSP Vigilance, Bathinda conducted enquiry in to the complaints forwarded to him and submitted his report on 14.02.2019 to the Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab. The office of Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab wrote letter dated 25.04.2019

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to the Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Vigilance, to grant approval for seeking prosecution sanction from the Department of Local Government, Punjab.

4. The representative of PIO further states that after receipt of approval from the Secretary, Vigilance, Punjab, letter dated 04.10.2019 was sent to the Local Government Department to grant prosecution sanction for instituting vigilance enquiry against the officials of Municipal Council, Jaito. The Local Govt. Department, Punjab sent prosecution sanction to the Chief Director, Vigilance, Punjab vide letter dated 14.07.2020. Thereafter, on the basis of Complaint No.29/18/Faridkot, after instituting Vigilance Enquiry No.7/20/FDK dated 07.08.2020, the case was sent to the SSP Vigilance Bureau, Bathinda for conducting enquiry into it. However, the said enquiry is still in progress with SSP Vigilance, Bathinda and the enquiry report is awaited.

5. The Bench then discusses the matter with the Public Information Officer O/o Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab with regard to the submission of enquiry report by the officer concerned. The PIO, post discussion, made a commitment to the effect that the enquiry in question will be completed in next ten days by the SSP Vigilance, Bathinda.

6. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to get the enquiry completed and report thereof submitted to the office of Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab and to come present before the Bench in person and bring along all the relevant official records along with the enquiry report and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 10.08.2021 at 02.00 PM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Chandigarh
20.07.2021

