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Smt. Kamlesh Kumari 9815466796 r/o 539/112/3, Street No. 1 E New Vishnupuri, New Shivpuri Road, PO Basti Jodhewal, District Ludhiana

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer o/o Tehsildar East, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Ludhiana East, District Ludhiana.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3982 of 2020

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.5.2021 vide which the order was reserved to be pronounced.

- 2. The appellant has sought the following information pertaining to the application for entry of Mutation in Record & Computer System Mutation No. 8022, Village Phamra (79), Ludhiana (E), District Ludhiana from 2010 to date of supplying information:-
  - "(i) Certified copy, duly dated of the application dated 10.7.2020 sent through speed post and received in your office vide Diary No. 2187 d/d 16.7.2020.
  - (ii) Please mention the names & addresses of officials, like Patwari, Kanungo, computer branch Incharge who dealt with the case from time to time.
  - (iii) Certified copies, duly dated, of all the reports of the Patwari and of the Kanungo concerned made on the application.
  - (iv) Certified copy, duly dated, of all the file notings in the case file.
  - (v) Certified copy of the final Action Taken on the application.
  - (vi) Certified copy of the updated Revenue record, if done, in pursuance of the application.
  - (vii) Please mention, if the application is disposed off or not. If not yet disposed off, please mention the reasons for its pendency."
- 3. During the hearing on 12.5.2021, the appellant stated that he has already sent the submissions regarding the sought information and reiterated the same, which are reproduced below:-

"The respondent-PIO has supplied the appellant 11 pages of uncertified Photostat copies of some documents vide his covering letter No. 33 dated 1.4.2021. the appellant files the following objections to this information:-

1. That one of the above mentioned documents contains order dated 4.4.2012, passed by Sh. Gursewak Singh Sidhu, Tehsildar-cum-Assistant Collector, Ludhiana East, Ludhiana and not by Sh. Gagandeep Singh, Tehsildar-cum-Assistant ollector, Ludhiana East, Ludhiana, as has been claimed by the PIO in the previous document Annexure B5 dated 18.11.20 already on record in appeal. The PIO also admitted that there is no order passed by Sh. Gagandeep Singh on 4.4.2012. In

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this way, the information provided by the PIO is patently false and should attract legal action. This case is a corruption case which is fit for Vigilance inquiry. Copy of the order dated 4.4.12 is attached herewith....."

- 4. However, the representative of the respondents stated that the office is functioning with 50% staff due to Covid 19 pandemic, as per the instructions issued by the Government of Punjab. Regarding delay, he also states that the Tehsil office remained overburdened due to the public dealing in the office, Covid 19 pandemic and additional duties regarding setting up and looking after the quarantine centres. He also states that the information as available on record has already been supplied. Furthermore he stated that complete record pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant has also been inspected by the advocate on behalf of the appellant and further requested to close the case.
- 5. Keeping in view the submissions made by the appellant, it has emerged that the respondent-Public Information Officer has supplied two different replies on the same issue i.e. a copy of the order dated 4.4.2012 said to be issued by Sh. Gursewak Singh Sidhu, Assistant Collector, whereas the report dated 18.11.2020 mentioned that the order dated 4.4.2012 has been issued by Sh. Gagandeep Singh, Assistant Collector. Both the documents have been placed on record by the appellant. Since the appellant is seeking the personal information regarding her own property, therefore, after careful consideration & keeping in view the mandate of the RTI Act, 2005 i.e. transparency and accountability, a copy of the case file is being sent to the Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, Mohali to enquire into the discrepancy as stated herein.
- 6. As far as the information is concerned no deficiency has been pointed out by the appellant. Keeping in view the submissions made by the parties referred to above, the Commission observes that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated: 25.5.2021

sd (Suresh Arora) Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

CC

The Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Vigilance Bhawan, Sector 68, Mohali.