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Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, Sr.Citizen,
RTI Activist President, Whistle Blower,
Distt. President, NCAG Office, Ludhiana
1331-5, Street No.5,
Near Vishawkarma Bhawan,
Down Canal Road, Shimlapuri,
Ludhiana-141003.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Bodies, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Bodies, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 5064 of 2021

Present:

- (i) Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, Appellant- cisco webex.
- (ii) Shri Kuldeep Singh, Senior Assistant , Municipal Services Cell,
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent-
in person.

ORDER:

(Heard in person/through cisco webex)

1. This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma vide order dated 04.08.2022. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 26.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg.

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.

3. Shri Kuldeep Singh, Senior Assistant, Municipal Services Cell O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that in compliance with the orders of Hon'ble Bench, the appellant was to visit the office of PIO on 03.08.2022 but he did not turn up. He further states that the information on remaining points No.6,7 & 8 has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 06.05.2022.

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4. The Bench apprises the appellant of the version of the representative of PIO. He denies the receipt of information on remaining points. Then he is apprised that a copy of the same would be sent to him along with the order.

5. In view of the above, the Bench does not feel need for further intervention in the matter.

The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Encl: Copy of letter dated 06.05.2022

**Chandigarh
27.09.2022**

**Sd/-
((Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Bodies., Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Bodies., Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 719 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, Appellant- cisco webex.**
(ii) **Shri Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant, Municipal Services Cell,
O/o Local Govt., Punjab on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

1. This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated to the Bench of undersigned vide order dated 04.08.2022. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 20.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg.
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the information supplied to him is irrelevant.
3. Shri Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant, Municipal Services Cell O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letters dated 13.05.2021, 29.06.2021, 04.10.2021 and 07.01.2022. He further states that the appellant had sought information with regard to his complaint regarding promotion to the post of Junior Engineer from the feeding cadre, alleging that they had acquired

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the diploma through distance education and were wrongly promoted. Accordingly, such Junior Engineers were reverted. However, they filed writ petitions in the Hon'ble High Court and the matter is still pending in the Hon'ble High Court. Thus, as the decision regarding the promotion of those Junior Engineers will only be taken after receipt of final orders of the Hon'ble Court, as such, no action in their case for the time being can be taken.

4. As per the submissions made by the representative of PIO, the appellant is apprised of the same accordingly.

5. In view of the above, no further intervention of the Bench is called for. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
27.09.2022**

**Sd/-
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Link Road, Mansa-151505.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director, Local Bodies., Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Local Bodies., Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 701 of 2021

Present:

- (i) **Shri Rajinder Kumar, Appellant- in person.**
- (ii) **Shri Sikandar Singh, Accountant, Municipal Council, Budhlada,
On behalf of the PIO O/o A.D.C., Urban Development, Mansa- in person.**
- (iii) **Shri Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant, General Branch, O/o Director,
Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh on behalf of the PIO-in person.**

ORDER:

1. This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma vide order dated 04.08.2022. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 26.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg.

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Rajinder Kumar, appellant comes present in person before the Bench and states that with regard to complaints made by him to the Director, Local Govt., no action taken report has been supplied to him.

3. Shri Sikandar Singh, Accountant comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO O/o A.D.C. Urban Development, Mansa and produces before the Bench letter dated 23.09.2022 stating therein that the enquiry on the complaints of the appellant is being conducted by ADC, Urban Development, Mansa. On the asking of the Bench, he also hands over a copy to the appellant in the court itself. He further states that the matter into the complaints of appellant is still under investigation.

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4. The appellant, on going through the information handed over to him, expresses his dissatisfaction and states that no enquiry has been conducted as he has not been asked to get his statement recorded. He is explained that the enquiry is on going and not yet completed.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to file an affidavit on e-Stamp paper, within 21 days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the appellant had made complaints to the Director, Local Government, Punjab who had marked the Complaints to Additional Deputy Commissioner, Urban Development, Mansa to conduct enquiry. The said complaints were further sent to the Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mansa vide letter dated 11.02.2022 to conduct enquiry and to submit report which are still under process, and as and when the enquiries are completed, report would be sent to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. The appeal case No. be also mentioned therein. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

5. With the aforesaid directions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.**
Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
27.09.2022**

**Sd/-
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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director, Local Bodies., Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Local Bodies., Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 4637 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Rajinder Kumar, Appellant- in person.**
(ii) **Shri Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant, General Branch, O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh on behalf of the PIO- in person.**

ORDER:

1. This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma vide order dated 04.08.2022. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 26.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg.

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Rajinder Kumar, appellant comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing. He states that he has not been supplied information.

3. Shri Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant, General Branch O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant has sought information regarding correspondence pages 4 to 11 of the file of General Branch relating to meeting of Municipal Council, Mansa dated 17.01.2020 and he was asked vide letter dated 23.07.2021 to deposit fee for supply of information which the appellant did not deposit. The first appeal filed by the appellant was also disposed of by First Appellate Authority as the appellant had not attended any hearing

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before First Appellate Authority. However, the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 20.06.2022 by registered post. He further stated that as per directions of Hon'ble Bench, the appellant was asked to visit office of PIO on 10.08.2022 to collect the information after inspection of records, but he did not turn up to do so. The information has again been sent to him on 25.08.2022.

4. The appellant denies the receipt of letter dated 23.07.2021 whereby fee was demanded from him. He, however, admits receipt of information. He, however, states that the information has been delayed inordinately.

5. The Bench, on perusal of information supplied and the relevant case file, observes that the requisite information stands supplied to the appellant and the Bench does not feel any need for further intervention in the matter.

6. In view of the above, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
27.09.2022**

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director, Local Bodies., Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Local Bodies., Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 4639 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Rajinder Kumar, Appellant-in person.**
(ii) **Shri Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant, General Branch O/o Director
Local Govt., Punjab, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent-in person**

ORDER:

1. This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma vide order dated 04.08.2022. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 26.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg.
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today.
3. Shri Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant, General Branch O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant has sought information regarding copies of Dak Receipt and Dak Despatch Registers of General Branch and he was asked vide letter dated 11.08.2021 to deposit fee of Rs.2004/- for the supply of information which the appellant did not deposit. The first appeal filed by the appellant was also disposed of by First Appellate Authority as the appellant had not attended any hearing before First Appellate Authority. For want of

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deposit of the fee demanded from the appellant, the information has not been supplied to the appellant. The appellant denies the receipt of letter dated 11.08.2021 whereby fee was demanded from him.

5. The Bench observes that the appellant denies receipt of letter dated 11.08.2021. However, the respondent empathically states that the entry of this letter having been dispatched to the appellant exists in the office dispatch register. After hearing the version of the appellant and the respondent, the Bench directs the PIO to supply information to the appellant free of cost on priority and submit an affidavit on e-Stamp paper within a period of 21 (Twenty one) days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as existing in the official records in AC No.4639 of 2021 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that the information provided is true and correct and nothing has been concealed therein. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the aforesaid directions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
27.09.2022**

**Sd/-
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Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta,
Advocate,
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Mandi Mullanpur,
District Ludhiana..

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 853 of 2021

Present:

- (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Appellant- cisco webex.
- (ii) Smt. Tarsem Kaur, Superintendent/PIO, and Shri Aman Kumar, Senior Assistant, Establishment Branch O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh- in person.
- (iii) Shri Manish Garg, Senior Assistant, General Branch, Shri Kuldip Singh, Municipal Services Cell, Shri Rajiv Kumar, Building Inspector, Town Planning Wing, O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, behalf of the PIO/Respondent- in person.

ORDER:

1. This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma vide order dated 04.08.2022. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.03.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg.

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.

3. Smt. Tarsem Kaur, Superintendent/PIO, and Shri Aman Kumar, Senior Assistant, Establishment Branch, Shri Manish Garg, Senior Assistant, General Branch, Shri Kuldip Singh, Municipal Services Cell, and Shri Rajiv Kumar, Building Inspector, Town Planning Wing, O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the respective PIO/Respondent.

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4. Smt. Tarsem Kaur, Superintendent/PIO, Establishment Branch states that the information sought by the appellant involves collection from different Branches of the office of Director, Local Government, Punjab and each Branch/Cell has a different PIO. The Branches concerned i.e. Establishment Branch, General Branch, Municipal Services Cell, Town Planning Wing have supplied information on the points relating to each of the Branches vide letters dated 04.06.2020, 04.03.2022, 10.03.2022 and 16.03.2022. She also produces a copy of letter dated 31.03.2022 before the Bench wherein the position with regard to each point of RTI application has been explained.

5. The appellant admits receipt of information and makes certain observations on the reply given to each point of RTI application. The Bench points out to the appellant that as per version of the PIO Smt. Tarsem Kaur, the information sought by the appellant involves more than one PIOs and the Bench normally does not entertain such appeal cases and advises the appellant to file different RTI application with each PIO. However, this appeal case has been entertained by the previous State Information Commissioner, Shri Sanjiv Garg and thus, is being heard. Then, the appellant contends that he is not aware of the fact as to which of the PIOs, the information sought by him relates to. On the asking of the Bench, the PIO states that each of the Branch has its separate PIO and the information regarding the same is available on the website of the Department. The Bench further observes that the reply to each point of RTI application has been given. The appellant, however, requests that the notifications as referred to in his RTI application may be made available. The PIO Smt. Tarsem Kaur assures to do the needful on priority.

6. In view of the above, the Bench does not feel need for further intervention in the matter. **As such, the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
27.09.2022**

**Sd/-
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Hussainpura East,
Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 5592 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Amritpal Singh, Appellant- in person.**
(ii) **Shri Sukhdev Singh, Superintendent/PIO, Local Government-1 Branch,
Office of Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh-in person.**

ORDER:

1. This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma vide order dated 04.08.2022. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 27.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg.
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Amritpal Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. Shri Sukhdev Singh, Superintendent, Local Govt.-1 Branch, Local Government Department, Punjab comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant has been given reply vide letter dated 29.09.2021 by PIO, Municipal Services Cell O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant confirms receipt of information to his satisfaction and gives his consent to close the case.
5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed..** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
27.09.2022**

**Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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H.No.3236, Jawahar Colony,
NIT, Faridabad-121005.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Amritsar Improvement Trust,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Amritsar Improvement Trust,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 118 of 2022

Present: (i) **Appellant- absent.**
(ii) **Shri Paramjit Singh, Junior Assistant O/o Improvement Trust , Amritsar,
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- in person.**

ORDER:

1. This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma vide order dated 04.08.2022. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg.
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Gagandeep Singh Anand, appellant has not come present. He has, however, sent an e.mail dated 27.09.2022 wherein he has requested for adjournment and another e.mail dated 27.09.2022 has been received stating that he has not received the balance of information.
3. Shri Paramjit Singh, Junior Assistant O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the balance information on point No.2 has also been supplied to the appellant.
4. The appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He is made to talk to Shri Paramjit Singh, representative of PIO who explains to him the details of information supplied on point No.2. Then, on the asking of the Bench, the appellant admits receipt of information.
5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed..** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
27.09.2022**

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District Jalandhar.

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Local Bodies, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Bodies, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 1205 of 2022

Present:

- (i) **Appellant- absent**
(ii) **Shri Vishal Sharma, State Level Technical Expert (SLTE), PMAY,
Office of Director, Local Govt., Punjab, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent-
In person.**

ORDER:

1. This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma vide order dated 04.08.2022. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 18.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg.

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Dilbagh Singh, appellant has not come present. He has, however, sent an e.mail dated 16.09.2022 stating that the information supplied to him is incomplete and that on the previous hearing, he tried to contact through cisco webex, but could not succeed and now also, he will try to attend the hearing through cisco webex, but the appellant does not put in appearance through cisco webex.

3. Shri Vishal Sharma, State Level Technical Expert (SLTE), PMAY, Office of Director, Local Govt., Punjab, comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant twice vide letter dated 20.12.2021 and 20.07.2022.

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4. Since the appellant is absent for today's hearing, he is contacted on mobile phone. He is apprised of today's hearing in this appeal case. On enquiring from him regarding his absence from the hearing, he is unable to give proper response and he is not clear about the information sought by him. As per the version of the representative of PIO and perusal of the information supplied to the appellant, the Bench is convinced that the requisite information stands supplied to the appellant.

5. In view of the above, the Bench does not feel need for further intervention in the matter.

The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
27.09.2022**

**Sd/-
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Dhuri, District Sangrur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 4520 of 2021

Present:

- (i) Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, Appellant- cisco webex.
- (ii) Shri Manjit Singh, Tax Inspector, Municipal Council, Dhuri, Distt. Sangrur on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- in person.
- (iii) Shri Manish Garg, Senior Assistant, General Branch, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh, in person.

ORDER:

1. This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma vide order dated 04.08.2022. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 19.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg.

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Manish Garg, Senior Assistant, General Branch, O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab comes present in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant has sought information regarding deposit of cow cess collected by Excise Department and other sources for the last five years w.e.f. January, 2016 and further states that the information regarding cow cess collected by Excise Department has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 06.08.2021, whereas the cow cess is also collected by the Urban Local Bodies and the record of its deposit is maintained by those Urban Local Bodies and the details about the same from various districts is under compilation.

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3. Shri Manjit Singh, Tax Inspector, Municipal Council, Dhuri, District Sangrur comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench on behalf of the PIO. He states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 21.06.2022 by registered post regarding the cow cess for District Sangrur.

4. Post deliberations, the appellant expresses his dis-satisfaction over the information supplied. The Bench, however, observes on perusal of the RTI application of the appellant, that the information sought by him entails collection and compilation of information and it involves a number of PIOs located in different Districts. The Bench clarifies to the appellant that the Bench does not entertain the appeal case where more than one PIOs are involved, but the instant appeal case has been entertained by the previous Bench and is, thus, being heard. The Bench also clarifies to the appellant that he should file different RTI application with specific public authority. Then, he requests that he needs specifically information in respect of Municipal Council, Dhuri which be provided.

5. As per the version of the representatives of respondents present and the information supplied in respect of Municipal Council, Dhuri, the Bench is convinced that adequate information stands supplied to the appellant and does not feel need for further intervention in the matter.

6. In view of the above, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
27.09.2022**

**Sd/-
((Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd)
State Information Commissioner,Punjab**

