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FINAL ORDER

Tarlochan Singh,
HL 168, Jamalpur Colony,
Ludhiana-141010.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority,
GLADA Complex, Near Rajguru Nagar,
Ferozepur Road,
District Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Chief Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 943 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Sumit, Kumar, Junior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98555-31456

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 2.7.2020 and 4.9.2020)

1. The RTI application is dated **22.10.2019** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding allotment letter of House No. HL168 in Punjab Housing Board Colony Phase 4, Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **3.12.2019** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.2.20** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **4.9.2020**.

2. The appellant is absent but has informed this Commission via an email that he has received the information requested to the RTI application. The respondent PIO, represented by Sumit Kumar Junior Assistant, explained the long delay in addressing the RTI application to the fact that the original RTI application was never received in his office. A copy was procured only after the appellant filed his first appeal to the FAA. Subsequent to this, as per respondent, the appellant who was seeking the copy of allotment letter of his own house was requested to file a DDR which is compulsory as per the GLADA rules. In the process, it has taken more than one year for this RTI application to be addressed.

3. The respondent PIO is advised that the information requested under RTI Act cannot be denied on the basis of any rules established by a public authority. Cautioning the respondent PIO against similar delays in future, this Commission sees no further cause for action and this appeal case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh
3.12.2020