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Sh.Davinder Kumar, S/o Sh Lt Sh Ram Murti,
VPO Sidhwan Bet, Tehsil Jagraon,
Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Government,
Sec-35-A, Pb, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Government,
Sec-35-A, Pb, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 471 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Sanjeev Kumar, Suptd-cum-PIO for the Respondent

ORDER: The case was first heard on 17.08.2020. The appellant claimed that despite his visit to the office of PIO thrice and meeting & requesting the PIO, the information has not been provided. The respondent was absent.. The PIO was directed to provide whatever the information is available within 15 days as per the RTI application and send a compliance report to the Commission.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observes that there has been an enormous delay of more than eleven months in attending to the RTI application. The PIO was issued a show cause notice **under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file reply on an affidavit.**

Hearing dated 09.09.2020:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent is present at Chandigarh and pleaded that the information on points 1 & 2 has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 16.10.2019 and since the information regarding points 3 to 7 relates to the Improvement Trust, Ludhiana, the RTI application has been transferred to them under section 6(3) of the RTI Act.

The appellant is absent and vide email has sought exemption. The respondent from Improvement Trust is absent. The PIO-cum-Executive Officer, Improvement Trust, Ludhiana is impleaded in the case and directed to look at the RTI application transferred by the department of Local Govt on 16.10.2019 and provide the information to the appellant within 15 days. The decision on show cause notice will be taken on the next date of hearing.

To come up for further hearing on **19.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Sd/-

Chandigarh
Dated 09.09.2020

(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

CC to PIO-Executive Officer,
Improvement Truest, Ludhiana