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Earlier order dated 26.02.2020 in AC-4077/2019 to be substituted with this order

Smt. Daljit Kaur W/o Late Sh. Baldev Singh
Buttar –Dhulkot Road,
Darshan Nagar, Ahmedgarh,
District Sangrur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Ahmedgarh,
District SAS Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Director,
Local Bodies, Patiala.

...Respondents

AC No.4077/2019

Present:

- (i) Shri Sukhdeep Singh Butter, on behalf of the Appellant
- (ii) Shri Lal Singh, Jr. Engr. O/o Municipal Council, Ahmedgarh,
District Sangrur, on behalf of PIO.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 28.01.2020 passed by this Bench on the last date of hearing.
2. Shri Sukhdeep Singh comes present on behalf of the appellant and states that the appellant has received the information from the PIO regarding point No.1 & 2 of the RTI application, but information regarding point No.3 has yet not been provided.
3. On the asking of the Bench, Shri Lal Singh, Junior Engineer who comes present on behalf of the PIO, states that this information is not available with their office and that they are making efforts to obtain and make available this information to the appellant.
4. From the perusal of case file, it is observed that RTI application is dated 01.07.2019 and first appeal is dated 18.08.2019. It is also reported by the representative of the appellant that the appellant has not been called by the First Appellate Authority even for a single hearing. The PIO on his part is still uncertain, after a lapse of eight months, about the

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Department from which balance of the information sought by the appellant is to be obtained. On the previous date of hearing, show cause notice was issued to the PIO. He has neither bothered to provide the balance of information nor has filed reply to the show cause notice. He is now directed to provide the information to the appellant after obtaining from the concerned department before the next hearing.

5. The Bench observes that apart from the delay in supplying the information to the appellant, the appellant has been put to a lot of harassment by the PIO due to their casual and unresponsive approach. The Bench thus feels that it is a just case for the award of compensation and awards a compensation of Rs.5000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) to the appellant. The compensation amount must be paid by the respondent PIO concerned through cheque or demand draft in favour of Daljit Kaur from the account of the public authority and not from the individual's account. He is also directed to send a photocopy of the cheque or draft to the Commission.

6. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **23.03.2020 at 11.30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
26.02.2020**

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

