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Shri Major Lal S/o Shri Sohan Lal,
H.No.2179, Street No.4,
New Kuldeep Nagar,
Basti Jodhewal,
Rahon Road, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2879 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Major Lal, appellant**
(ii) **Shri Navneet Singh, Technical Inspector, M.C. Ludhiana**
on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 08.04.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.08.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 05.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. As such, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.
3. Shri Major Lal, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that he had sought information with regard to a religious 'Darbar' which was stopped from holding on 14.03.2020 at Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana and the same has not been supplied to him.
4. Shri Navneet Singh, Technical Inspector, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that reply to the appellant was given vide letter dated 31.08.2020 stating therein that no such information is available in their official records.

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5. In view of the position explained by the representative of the PIO, the PIO is directed to file an affidavit before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as sought by the appellant in AC No.2879 of 2020 is not available in their official records. It be further stated that the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the afore said directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 23.03.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
05.01.2021**

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President, Kundan Bhawan,
126, Model Gram,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

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O/o Municipal Corporation,
Zone-A, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2809 of 2020

Present: (i) **Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, on behalf of appellant**
(ii) **Shri Rishi Kumar, Clerk, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana**
on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 16.06.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 30.07.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.09.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 05.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. As such, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.

3. Shri Rishi Kumar, Clerk, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana attends the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that the appellant has sought the annual property returns of the officers of Group A & B of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and states that the same cannot be supplied being voluminous and personal information of the concerned officers. He further states that reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 31.08.2020 as also vide letter dated 02.09.2020.

4. Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the appellant. She clarifies that the appellant has asked for the number of Group-A & B officers who failed to file their annual property returns for the 2016 to 2019 and not the annual property returns.

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5. The Bench observes that the information asked for is in the public interest and directs the PIO to supply the information in whatever format it is available with their office.

6. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public, to the effect that the information as available in their official records in AC No.2809 of 2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed and the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to - the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the afore said directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 23.03.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

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O/o Municipal Corporation,
Zone-A, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2812 of 2020

Present:

- (i) Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, on behalf of appellant
- (ii) Shri Surinder Singh, XEN B&R, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana
- (iii) Shri Harjit Singh, SDO B&R, Zone-B, M.C. Ludhiana
- (iv) Shri Balwinder Singh, J.E., Zone-D, M.C. Ludhiana

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 08.06.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 29.07.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.09.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 05.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. As such, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.
3. Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the appellant. She states that the appellant has sought information regarding construction of roads including fixing of interlocking and bitumen roads, repairing of roads and payments made to the contractors in this regard, during the years 2015-16 to 2019-20. But this information has not been supplied so far.

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4. Shri Surinder Singh, XEN B&R, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana attends the hearing and states that the information has been supplied vide letter dated 18.12.2020 by speed post. Shri Harjit Singh, SDO attends the hearing on behalf of PIO, Zone-B of M.C. Ludhiana. None has come present to attend the hearing from Zone-C. However, a letter dated 22.12.2020 is available in the case file stating that the reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 01.10.2020 to the effect that the information sought being voluminous, involves a lot of time in its preparation and as such, cannot be provided. The PIO of Zone-C has also cited some judgments of in this regard. Shri Balwinder Singh, Junior Engineer, Zone-D, M.C. Ludhiana attends the hearing. A letter dated 23.12.2020 is also available in the case file stating that the information sought is not specific and involves compilation of information and thus, does not come within the ambit of Section 2(f)(i)(j) of RTI Act.

5. Post deliberations with the representative of appellant and the officers of Municipal Corporation present in the hearing, the Bench observes that the information sought by the appellant is in the public interest. As such, the PIOs of B&R Branch, Zone A, B, C & D of Municipal Corporation are directed to supply the information to the appellant before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid direction, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 23.03.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in DC Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Zone-A, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2813 of 2020

Present: (i) **Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, on behalf of appellant**
(ii) **Shri Rishi Kumar, Clerk, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana**
on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 15.06.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 30.07.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.09.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 05.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. As such, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.
3. Shri Rishi Kumar, Clerk, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana attends the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that the appellant has sought the annual property returns of the officers of Group A & B of B&R Branch of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and states that the same cannot be supplied being voluminous and personal information of the concerned officers. He further states that reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 31.08.2020 and then vide letter dated 02.09.2020.
4. Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the appellant. She clarifies that the appellant has asked for the number of Group-A & B officers who failed to file their annual property returns for the 2016 to 2019 and not the annual property returns.



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5. The Bench observes that the information asked for is in the public interest and directs the PIO to supply the information in whatever format it is available with their office.

6. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in their official records in AC No.2813 of 2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed and the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the afore said directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 23.03.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

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O/o Municipal Corporation,
Zone-A, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2816 of 2020

Present: (i) **Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, on behalf of appellant**
(ii) **Shri Navneet Singh, Technical Inspector, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana**
on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 24.06.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 30.07.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.09.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 05.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. As such, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.
3. Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the appellant. She states that the appellant has sought information regarding the action taken on letter dated 20.11.2014 and legal notice dated 09.10.2018 with regard to the removal of encroachments, but the same has not been supplied to the appellant.
4. Shri Navneet Singh, Technical Inspector, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana attends the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the PIO. On the asking of the Bench, he assures to supply the information sought by the appellant very shortly.



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5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 23.03.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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H.No.6375, Street No.16,
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar
Backside Bachan Gas Agency,
PO Daba, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2836 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant**
(ii) **Ms. Ravneet Kaur, Building Inspector, Zone-D, M.C. Ludhiana**

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 08.07.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 08.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.09.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 05.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. As such, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.
3. Ms. Ravneet Kaur, Building Inspector, Zone-D, M.C. Ludhiana comes present to the hearing through V.C. She states that the appellant has been supplied requisite information vide letter dated 01.10.2020 by speed post
4. Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He denies the receipt of information. Upon this, the Bench directs the representative of PIO to hand over

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a photocopy of the same to Shri Gurmej Lal during the hearing, who assures to hand over the same to the appellant after getting it photostated.

5. The appellant is advised to point out deficiencies, if any, to the PIO, who will supply the rectified information after removing the deficiencies, before the next hearing.

6. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.2836/2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed and the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the afore said directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 23.03.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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