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Sh. Ashok Kumar, 788673496 Regar Basti, Street No. 1, Jaito Faridkot



....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Jaito, Faridkot

First Appellate Authority o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Jaito, Faridkot.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3012 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:-

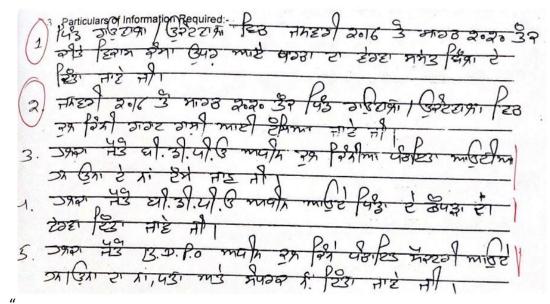
Sh. Ashok Kumar, appellant.

Sh. Beant Singh, Panchayat Officer, on behalf of the respondents.

**ORDER** 

The RTI application is dated 8.6.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 8.7.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 8.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant has sought the following information:-



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- 3. The appellant states that he has received the complete information except pertaining to Point No. 6 and 7 of the RTI application. However, the representative of the respondents states that the information related to Point No. 6 and 7 of the RTI application is held by various public authorities related to the 72 villages of the Block. He has also referred the instructions of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions dated 12.6.2008 in this regard.
- 3. Accordingly, the plea taken by the respondent-Public Information Officer is accepted regarding Point No. 6 & 7 of the RTI application. As the rest of the information has already been received by the appellant as per the submissions made by him, the Commission observes that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated: 11.1.2021

sd (Suresh Arora) Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh. Tejinder Singh 9041004313 Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Back side Sanj Kender, Phillaur 144410

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer o/o Sub Registrar, Amritsar-1, District Amritsar

First Appellate Authority o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Amritsar-1, District Amritsar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2981 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Tejinder Singh, appellant in person.

Sh. JP Salwan, Sub Registrar, Amritsar-1 9878273358 on behalf of the

respondents.

**ORDER** 

The RTI application is dated 20.4.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 6.6.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 8.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that he has received the information pertaining to the Point No. 4 of the RTI application but no information has been supplied by the respondent-Public Information Officer regarding Point No. 1,2,3 and 5 of the RTI application. Whereas, the respondent-Public Information Officer states that the appellant has sought the information on 20.4.2020 but on the said date entire country including Punjab State was under curfew due to Covid 19 pandemic and the office did not receive the copy of the RTI application. Furthermore, he states that he has received the RTI application through the Commission. Regarding the information pertaining to Point No. 3 i.e. the copies of NOCs attached with the sale deed from 1.1.2020 to 21.3.2020, the representative of the respondents states that around 1200 sale deeds were got registered during the said period. He also categorically mentioned the decision given by the Supreme Court of India in the matter of Central Board of Secondary Education &Anr. Vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay & Ors (Civil Appeal No.6454 of 2011) reported as 2011(3)RCT(Civil).

Relevant portion of the judgement is reproduced below:-

"The RTI Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquillity and harmony among its citizens- Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty-National does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their

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time in collection and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties----Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under RTI Act for disclosure of all the sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counter-productive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information".

- 3. With regard to the information the office tried to explore the same on the internet and the information pertaining to Point No. 1 and 2 of the RTI application i.e. the list of legal/illegal colonies are available on the <a href="www.adaamritsar.gov.in">www.adaamritsar.gov.in</a>. Regarding Point No. 5 of the RTI application i.e. the cases listed for hearing and the imposition of penalty and award of compensation, the same is available on the website of the Commission i.e. <a href="www.infocommpunjab.com">www.infocommpunjab.com</a>.
- 4. Keeping in view the above, the Commission does not find any merit and therefore, observes that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated: 11.1.2021

Sd/ (Suresh Arora) Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.