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Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia,
1331-5, St.No.5, Vishwkarma Bhawan,
Down Conal Road, Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Chief Administrator,
Improvement Trust, Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4931 of 2022

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 27.1.2023, 1.3.2023, 24.3.2023, and 23.6.2023)

1. The RTI application is dated **30.7.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Parks in the jurisdiction of Improvement Trust**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.8.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.10.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **23.6.2023**.
2. An Order in this Appeal Case was reserved on 23.6.2023. Prior to this, the PIO office of, Chief Administrator, Improvement Trust, Ludhiana, had made a submission vide Letter No. 1174 Dated 22.3.2023, contending that the appellant Sh. Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia, has been seeking information vide several RTI applications. The PIO contended that the information sought is neither related to the appellant and nor has it been sought in the larger public interest. The PIO also cited an Order of former State Information Commissioner Sh. Yashvir Mahajan, Dated 5.4.2017, where by the appellant Sh. Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia's, RTI applications were Disposed of as per Section 7(9) of the RTI Act, 2005 and the Public Authority, in that instance, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, was allowed to ignore future RTI applications by the appellant.
3. The aforesaid Order effectively Black Listed Sh. Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia, from submitting RTI applications to the Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. I am of the considered view, that the aforesaid Order cannot be applied to deny the information to the citizen in perpetuity. Accordingly, the PIO is directed to provide a suitable reply to this RTI application along with the information sought, as available in the records of the Improvement Trust, Ludhiana.
4. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.
Chandigarh
22.5.2024

Cc: Deputy Registrar, PSIC, along with case file.

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Sh. Malkeet Singh, S/o Late Sh. Santokh Singh,
Village Panjawa Mandal,
Tehsil Khuiya Sarwar, District Fazilka.

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-
Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Khuiya Sarwar at Abohar, District Fazilka.
First Appellate Authority,
District Development and Panchayat Officer,
District Fazilka.

Appeal Case No. 2180 of 2023

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 2.6.2023, 11.7.2023, and 29.8.2023)

1. The RTI application is dated **10.10.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Gram Panchayat Panjwa Mandal from January, 2019 to October, 2022**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **13.1.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **3.4.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **29.8.2023**.
2. An Order in this Appeal Case was reserved on 29.8.2023, where on it was noted that the respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Khuiya Sarwar, represented by Sh. Guljeet, Singh, Panchyat Secretary and Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Gram Rojgar Sewak, have submitted, a copy of a pointwise reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 4416 Dated 24.8.2023 along with which, some 25 pages of information was provided to the appellant by Registered Post. The appellant was contacted on telephone and he informed the Commission that he has received the information, but none of the pages provided to him are attested.
3. The PIO-cum-BDPO, Khuiya Sarwar, Smt. Gagandeep Kaur, is hereby, directed to individually attest every page provided by way of information and supply the same to the appellant within 10 days of this Order. The PIO-cum-BDPO, Khuiya Sarwar, is further directed to inform the Commission about the name of present place of posting of the PIO-cum-BDPO, who was incumbent on 10.10.2022. This must be done on or before next Hearing.
4. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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