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Sh. Rakesh Jain,
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Versus

Ms. Jyoti Soni, Assistant Director-cum-
Public Information Officer,
o/o Director Public Instructions (SE),
Punjab, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Secretary,
School Education, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 3460 of 2022

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 1.9.2022, 23.9.2022, 26.10.2022, 17.1.2023, 27.1.2023, 7.6.2023, 12.7.2023, 14.8.2023, 2.11.2023 and 14.12.2023)

1. The RTI application is dated **22.2.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding: documents in regard to suspension**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **18.4.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.7.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **14.12.2023**.

2. An Order in this Appeal Case was reserved on 14.12.2023, where upon the respondent PIO had failed to comply with the directions, vide para 3 of this Commission's Order of 02.11.2023, which is as under:

"The respondent PIO was directed to provide a written reply to point No. 2 along with all available documents on the basis of which the Charge Sheet Dated 4.2.2021 was made against the appellant Sh. Rakesh Jain. In the event that the Charge Sheet is not based on any physical document and consequently any such documents are not available, the respondent was to state the same in a written reply to point No. 2 on an affidavit on E-Stamp paper. This must be duly notarized by a notary public. The original affidavit was to be provided to the appellant at the next Hearing and a copy of the same, was submitted to the Commission."

3. Subsequently, the respondent PIO provided a reply to the appellant vide Letter No. 135981 Dated 04.01.2024, along with some information, which is without any attestation. The appellant meanwhile, made a written resubmission vide Letter Dated 08.01.2024, wherein he states that the information provided by the PIO is not satisfactory and not as per that requested at point No.2 of his RTI application.

4. Both parties are advised to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person. Date of Hearing to be noted in due course.

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5. 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

24.05.2024

Cc: Deputy Registrar O/o PSIC (along with the case file)