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Shri Gurnam Singh Sidhu,
Kalyan Malka, Bathinda.

.....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Executive Officer,
BDA, Bathinda.

....Respondent

CC No. 740 of 2022

Present: i) **Complainant- absent.**
ii) **Shri Navjot Singh Sidhu, SDE, Bathinda Development Authority, Bathinda-
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- cisco webex.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 16.07.2022 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 27.10.2022 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.12.2022. The case has been heard today. Shri Gurnam Singh Sidhu, complainant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Navjot Singh Sidhu, Sub-Divisional Engineer, B.D.A. Bathinda comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the complainant has been supplied information vide letter dated 22.12.2022 and that the same was received by the complainant by visiting office of B.D.A. on 23.12.2022. He further states that the grievance raised by the complainant has also been redressed and as such, the complainant has also expressed his satisfaction over the information supplied.
4. The Bench observes that an e.mail has been received from the complainant whereby he has expressed satisfaction and has also given his consent to close the case.
5. In view of the above, **the instant complaint case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.12.2022**

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

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Shri Puneet Bali,
S/o Shri R.C.Bali,
H.no.23/C, Ravinder Nagar,
Jalandhar-1.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o PUDA,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o PUDA, Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No. 4989 of 2022

- Present:**
- i) Appellant- absent.
 - ii) Shri Raj Kumar Bansal, Admn. Officer/PIO, PUDA, Mohali-cisco webex.
 - iii) Shri Pawan Kumar, SDO Public Health/PIO, J.D.A. Jalandhar- in person.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 02.08.2022 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 04.09.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Puneet Bali, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Raj Kumar Bansal, PIO, PUDA, Mohali comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that the RTI application has been transferred to the PIO O/o J.D.A. Jalandhar. Shri Pawan Kumar, SDO Public Health, J.D.A. Jalandhar comes present in person before the Bench. He states that Point No.3 & 6 relate to District Town Planner, Jalandhar, point No.2 relates to Tehsildar, Jalandhar-1, point Nos.1,4 & 5 relate to PWD Jalandhar Cantt. to whom the RTI application has been transferred under Section 6(3) of RTI Act. Point No.7 & 8 relate to J.D.A. Jalandhar, information on which has to be given by D.T.P. Regulatory, J.D.A. Jalandhar.
4. The Bench observes that letters dated 13.12.2022 are available in the case file which have been received by post. The perusal of the same shows that the RTI application has been transferred under Section 6(3) to the PIO O/o District Town Planner, Jalandhar, PIO/ Tehsildar, Jalandhar-1 and PIO O/o PWD Provincial Office, Jalandhar Cantt. The Bench also observes that the PIO O/o D.T.P. Jalandhar has also sent letter to PIO O/o J.D.A. Jalandhar clarifying position on points relating to them. The PIOs referred are directed to supply information relating to them directly to the appellant on priority.

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5. From the perusal of the above said letters as also on hearing the version of the PIO O/o J.D.A. Jalandhar, the Bench observes that there are more than one PIO involved in the present appeal case. The Bench is of the view that the appellant cannot seek information in single RTI application from multiple public authorities. A Full Bench of State Information Commission, Punjab has in Complaint Case No.2903 of 2011 decided on 13.01.2012, ruled as under:-

“We hold that under Section (3) of the Act *ibid*, the legal obligation of a PIO who receives a request for information under Section 6(1) of the Act is limited to transfer this request to only one public authority that hold the information. This obligation does not extend to transfer the request to multiple authorities.

6. The Bench further observes that the information asked for by the appellant has to be collected, collated and compiled, thereby resulting in wastage of time of multiple PIOs involved. The Hon’ble Supreme Court in matter of CBSE vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay, (2011) 8 SCC 497, held as under:-

“67. Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under the RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counterproductive 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. The 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, tranquility 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. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritizing “information furnishing”, at the cost of their normal and regular duties.

7. In view of the above, it does not seem to be appropriate for the appellant to seek information which may entail engaging 75% of the employees of a public authority to collect and compile the information for furnishing the same to the appellant. The Bench advises the appellant to go for seeking information by filing separate RTI application before a specific public authority who has its separate PIO.

8. With the aforesaid discussions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
26.12.2022

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Shri Navtej Kumar,
SCO: 52/B, New Defence Colony,
Behind Lucky Dhaba, Zirakpur
District S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Engineer,
PSPCL, DS Division, Zirakpur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Superintending Engineer,
PSPCL, Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No. 4975 of 2022

Present: i) **Shri Navtej Kumar, appellant in person.**
ii) **Shri Shaminder Singh Sidhu, SDO Sub Division PSPCL, Banur,
District Mohali, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- in person.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 22.06.2022 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 01.09.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Navtej Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and makes his submissions before the Bench.
3. Shri Shaminder Singh Sidhu, SDO Sub Division, PSPCL Banur comes present in person before the Bench and produces authority letter to represent the appeal case. He states that reply to the RTI application has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 16.11.2022 by Addl.SE Distribution Division, Zirakpur and that action taken report on the complaint of appellant has also been given by SDO PSPCL Tech.-1, Bhabat, Zirakpur vide letter dated 22.11.2022 after checking the site by the officials concerned of PSPCL. He states that information has again been sent on 19.12.2022 by registered post. He also points out that information as existing in the official records stands supplied.

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4. The appellant is handed over a copy of the information in the court itself. The appellant, however, expresses dis-satisfaction over the information supplied and points out certain grievances which have not been addressed by the PIO.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench observes that the appellant has been supplied adequate information. However, since the appellant still expresses dis-satisfaction, the PIO O/o Executive Engineer, DS Division, PSPCL, Zirakpur is directed to file an affidavit on e-stamp, within 21 (Twenty one) days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public stating that reply to the RTI application has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 16.11.2022 by Addl.SE Distribution Division, Zirakpur and that action taken report on the complaint of appellant has also been given by SDO PSPCL Tech.-1, Bhabat, Zirakpur vide letter dated 22.11.2022 after checking the site by the officials concerned of PSPCL. He states that information has again been sent on 19.12.2022 by registered post. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the aforesaid discussions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.12.2022**

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Shri Rajesh Chopra,
H.No.1906/10, Katda Safaid,
Street Tehniwali, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 4972 of 2022

Present: i) **Appellant- absent**
ii) **Shri Pushpinder Singh, Superintendent, Advertisements/PIO, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar- cisco webex.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 05.04.2022 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 dated nil and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Rajesh Chopra, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Pushpinder Singh, Superintendent, Advertisements/PIO, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar attends the hearing through cisco webex and states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 12.04.2022 and also refers to his submissions made in this regard sent to the Commission by e.mail and by post, clarifying the provision of information to the appellant after filing of RTI application, during hearing in the first appeal and also thereafter and also stating that the said information was got received by the appellant on 13.06.2022 and then, sent by registered post on 19.12.2022.
4. The appellant has neither come present in person nor through cisco webex, is he contacted on his mobile phone. In spite of repeated attempts, the appellant does not respond. No information regarding absence or adjournment has been received from the appellant.

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5. The Bench, on perusal of the information supplied and hearing the version of the PIO, is convinced that the appellant has been supplied adequate information and does not feel need for further intervention in the matter.

6. In view of the above, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
26.12.2022

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Shri Gaganpreet Singh,
S/o Shri Ranjit Singh,
House No.1040, Village Ranian,
Tehsil Ludhiana (West),
District Ludhiana-141122.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o PUDA, Punjab,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o PUDA, Punjab,
Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No. 4954 of 2022

Present: i) **Appellant- absent**
ii) **Shri Raj Kumar Bansal, Admn.Officer/PIO, PUDA, Mohali-cisco webex.**
iii) **Shri Jatinder Kumar, Clerk, O/o GLADA, Ludhiana, on behalf of the
PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 30.07.2022 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 31.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Gaganpreet Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.

3. Shri Raj Kumar Bansal, PIO O/o PUDA, Mohali attends the hearing through cisco webex and states that RTI application has been transferred to PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiana vide letter dated 07.12.2022.

4. Shri Jatinder Kumar, Clerk O/o GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 21.12.2022 as also by e.mail, apprising the appellant that there is no provision of planning Community Centre and Dispensary in Ranjit Avenue Phase-2, Ludhiana and he has also been provided the lay out plan.

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5. The Bench observes that notice has been received undelivered sent to the appellant and slight variation in the address is rectified. He is contacted on his mobile phone. He is apprised of the version of the respondent. He, however, states that he has not checked his e.mail. Then, he is apprised that the PIO is being directed to send him information again by e.mail as also on his WhatsApp number. He agrees to it.

6. The respondent is directed to send the information to the appellant by e.mail as also on his WhatsApp number today itself.

7. With the aforesaid discussions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.**
Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.12.2022**

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

Copy to: Public Information Officer O/o GLADA, Ludhiana.

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Shri Ankit Jain, S/o Shri Yashpal Jain,
1006, Morniwala Khuh,
Dera Bassi, Distt:Mohali.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 4944 of 2022

Present: i) **Appellant- absent.**
ii) **Shri Gagandeep Singh, Senior Assistant, Local Govt.-4 Branch
O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Pb. on behalf of the PIO-in person.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 06.06.2022 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 09.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Ankit Jain, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. He has, however, sent an e.mail that due death of his mother, he is unable to attend the hearing and sought adjournment.

3. Shri Gagandeep Singh, Senior Assistant, Local Govt.-4 Branch, O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant has sought information regarding purchase orders and work orders in respect of all Municipal Corporations and Municipal Councils in the State of Punjab. He further states that this matter is dealt with by two Chief Engineer, Municipal Corporations and Chief Engineer, Municipal Councils in the office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, who, in turn, are required to collect the same from all the Municipal Corporations and Municipal Councils in the State of Punjab and all these have different PIOs. He also produces before the Bench a letter to this effect, which is taken on record.

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4. The Bench on perusal of RTI application as also on hearing the version of the respondent, observes that there are more than one PIO involved in the present appeal case. The Bench is of the view that the appellant cannot seek information in single RTI application from multiple public authorities. A Full Bench of State Information Commission, Punjab has in Complaint Case No.2903 of 2011 decided on 13.01.2012, ruled as under:-

“We hold that under Section (3) of the Act *ibid*, the legal obligation of a PIO who receives a request for information under Section 6(1) of the Act is limited to transfer this request to only one public authority that hold the information. This obligation does not extend to transfer the request to multiple authorities.

5. The Bench further observes that the information asked for by the appellant has to be collected, collated and compiled, thereby resulting in wastage of time of multiple PIOs involved. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in matter of CBSE vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay, (2011) 8 SCC 497, held as under:-

“67. Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under the RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counterproductive 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. The 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, tranquility 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. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritizing “information furnishing”, at the cost of their normal and regular duties.

6. In view of the above, it does not seem to be appropriate for the appellant to seek information which may entail engaging 75% of the employees of a public authority to collect and compile the information for furnishing the same to the appellant. The Bench advises the appellant to go for seeking information by filing separate RTI application before a specific public authority who has its separate PIO.

7. With the aforesaid discussions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.12.2022**

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

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Shri Anil Kumar,
S/o Shri Desh Raj,
R/o Aaria Nagar,
Street Master Gopi Ram,
Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Fazilka.

....Respondents

AC No. 4943 of 2022

Present: i) **Appellant- absent.**
ii) **Shri Rajesh Kumar, Superintendent/APIO, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- Cisco Webex.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 29.07.2022 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 01.09.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Anil Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. He has, however, sent an e.mail 25.12.2022 stating that due to ill health, he is unable to attend the hearing and has sought adjournment.

3. Shri Rajesh Kumar, Superintendent/APIO, Municipal Council, Fazilka comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 21.10.2022 and again vide letter dated 15.12.2022 by hand and further states that the appellant has also acknowledged receipt of information. He further states that no deficiencies have been received from the appellant that there are no other inputs available in the official records.

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4. On perusal of the reply of the PIO as also hearing the version of the APIO, the Bench is convinced that the adequate information has been supplied to the appellant and is not inclined to proceed further in the matter.

5. In view of the above, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.12.2022**

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

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Shri Rajnish Bharara,
520, Preet Colony,
Zirakpur, Distt. Mohali.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Additional S.E,
PSPCL, Zirakpur,
District Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Engineer, (DS),
South Zone, PSPCL, Patiala.

....Respondents

AC No. 4942 of 2022

Present: i) **Shri Rajnish Bharara, appellant in person.**
ii) **Shri Shaminder Singh Sidhu, SDO, Sub Division, PSPCL, Banur,
District Mohali, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- in person.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 23.06.2022 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 16.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Rajnish Bharara, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.

3. Shri Shaminder Singh Sidhu, SDO Sub Division, Banur comes present in person before the Bench. He states that the information on Point No.1 has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 09.08.2022 by registered post and Point No.2 & 3 relate to Head Office of PSPCL, Patiala. On filing of First Appeal, information was again supplied vide letter dated 14.09.2022 stating that sanction to hire vehicles is obtained and it is on outsource basis. He further stated that the information has been supplied again vide letter dated 16.12.2022. The information supplied is true and correct and is as per official records and official procedures in vogue.

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4. Shri Rajnish Bharara, appellant expresses dis-satisfaction and does not agree with the contention of the respondent and states that regarding the points relating to Head Office PSPCL, Patiala, the RTI application should have been transferred to Head Office, PSPCL, Patiala under Section 5(4) of RTI Act. The Bench is of the opinion that it is not an extension of PSPCL, Zirakpur and is a separate office in itself.

5. On the asking of the Bench, the respondent stated that the information as available in the official records has been supplied to the appellant.

6. The appellant presses for imposing penalty on the PIO. The Bench, post deliberations and examination of documents on file, is of the considered view that response at regular intervals has been given and imposition of penalty by the Bench without a show cause notice is not warranted.

7. Post deliberations, the PIO is directed to file an affidavit on e-stamp paper, within 21 (Twenty one) days, 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.4942/2022 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

8. With the aforesaid discussions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
26.12.2022

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Shri Madan Lal, S/o Shri Om Parkash,
Jain Niwas, MCB Zone-2,
New H.No.10803, Street NO.18,
Parinda Road,18, **Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar,**
Bathinda.

(Encl:Letter dated 24.12.2022)

Versus

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o Sr. Superintendent of Police,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Inspector General of Police,
Faridkot Range, Faridkot.

....Respondents

AC No. 4927 of 2022

Present: i) **Appellant- absent.**
ii) **ASI Manjit Singh O/o SSP Sri Muktsar Sahib, on behalf of the
PIO/Respondent- in person.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 04.07.2022 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 20.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Madan Lal, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. He has, however, sent a letter by e.mail dated 22.12.2022 & 26.12.2022 stating that the hearing be conducted through V.C. and that information has not been supplied so far. He has further stated that the Appeal Case be referred to a larger Bench as legal issue is involved.

3. ASI Manjit Singh, O/o SSP Sri Muktsar Sahib comes present in person before the Bench. He states that letter dated 24.12.2022 containing the information has been brought along for handing over to the appellant and produces a copy of the same before the Bench. He further states that in another case No.4676 of 2022, the DSP Gidderbaha Shri Jasbir Singh had come present and explained the position with regard to the use of word 'Doshi' and this Hon'ble Bench has already disposed off the said case. He also produces copy to be handed over to the appellant.

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4. The Bench on perusal of the documents produced before the Bench, letter dated 22.07.2022 vide which information was earlier supplied to the appellant and perusal of the order passed in AC No.4676/2022 is convinced that the contention raised by the appellant stands adequately replied. As the information to be supplied has been brought along by the respondent, the same be sent to the appellant along with the order. So far as the contention of appellant regarding reference of the instant appeal case to a larger Bench, the same is not accepted in view of the observations made herein.

5. In view of the above, the Bench does not feel need for further intervention in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.12.2022**

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Chopra Coal Depot,
Railway Road, Nawanshahar.

.....Appellant

Versus

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O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

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....Respondents

AC No. 4913 of 2022

Present: i) **Appellant- absent**
ii) **Shri Jasbir Singh, Superintendent/PIO and Shri Prince Kumar, Clerk,**
in person.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 19.04.2022 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 18.07.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Varinder Chopra, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.

3. Shri Jasbir Singh, Superintendent/PIO and Shri Prince Kumar, Clerk come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing. The PIO states that the appellant has been given reply vide letter dated 26.05.2022 stating that in terms of Punjab Govt. letter dated 09.08.2021, the information sought by the appellant is personal and third party information and the same has been denied accordingly. Moreover, No Dues Certificate has also not been issued to Shri Amrik Singh, Executive Officer(Retd.).

4. Post deliberations, the Bench is convinced with the contention of PIO and observes that the information sought by the appellant does not serve any public activity of interest and the same has been rightly denied.

5. In view of the above, the Bench does not feel need for further intervention in the matter.

The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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