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Shri Prem Singh
S/o Shri Puran Singh
Villae Nawa Salemsah,
Tehsil & District Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Rural Development &
Panchayats, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No. 3402 of 2022

Present:

- (i) **Shri Prem Singh, Appellant, in person.**
- (ii) **Shri Bhupinder Singh, Gram Rozgar Sewak, O/o BDPO Fazilka, PIO/ Respondent, in person.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 24.03.2022 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 18.05.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.07.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 07.09.2022. Accordingly, the case was scheduled to be heard today. Shri Prem Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. Shri Bhupinder Singh, G.R.S. Gram Panchayat, Nawan Salemsah, Block Fazilka comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that the RTI application has been transferred to him vide letter dated 03.08.2022 by BDPO Fazilka-cum-Programme Officer, MGNREGA, Fazilka and that appellant has been given reply by registered post stating that the information sought is available on the website of MGNREGA.

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4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant admits receipt of reply from the GRS Shri Bhupinder Singh and states that it does not contain any information and he has only been advised to access the information on the website of MGNREGA, whereas he is not conversant with the functioning of computer. He further states that he has sought information regarding the action taken on a complaint dated 28.12.2021 made by him and has sought information regarding labourers engaged under MGNREGA and the amount of labour paid to them and alleges that some labourers being shown as employed and paid under MGNREGA have died. He alleges huge corruption in this regard.

5. Post deliberations, the PIO Shri Bhupinder Singh states that Shri Sandeep Singh Sidhu, A.P.O. and Shri Preet Bhateja, A.P.O. are the concerned officials who may also be called for the hearing. The PIO Shri Bhupinder Singh is directed to coordinate with these officials and supply hard copy of information sought by the appellant. The PIO Shri Bhupinder Singh, Shri Sandeep Singh and Shri Preet Bhateja, APOs O/o BDPO Fazilka are directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next date of hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 03.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
07.09.2022**

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

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- 1) **PIO O/o BDPO Fazilka.**
- 2) **Shri Sandeep Singh Sidhu, APO O/o BDPO Fazilka.**
- 3) **Shri Preet Bhateja, APO O/o BDPO Fazilka.**