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Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,

Ward No. 18, Street No. 2, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna – 141 401, District Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** 

o/o Municipal Council Sahnewal, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Department of Local Government, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana.

### Appeal Case No. 603 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (Appellant) 94645-00405 (Respondent) Absent

#### ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 31.3.2022)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **9.7.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding vouchers of the bills of works posted by JE Harmail Singh in the MB Books since 1.4.2019 to till date, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **31.9.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **27.1.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **31.3.2022**.
- 2. At the last hearing on 31.3.2022, the respondent PIO was directed to submit a copy of Letter No. 1338 Dated 28.7.2021, whereby a demand was raised from the appellant to deposit Rs. 2,300/- as the cost of copying 1100 pages. As directed, the respondent PIO submitted a copy of Letter No. 1338 Dated 28.7.2021, as well as second Letter No. 1536 Dated 16.8.2021, both raising demand of Rs. 2,300/- from the appellant. The appellant has once again contended that he had in fact written to the respondent PIO vide his Letter Dated 8.8.2021, seeking details of the copying cost by way of a cost breakup.
- 3. An examination of the reply submitted by the respondent PIO shows that such a cost breakup was in fact communicated to the appellant vide Letter No. 1536 Dated 16.8.2021, which as claimed by the appellant, was never received by him. A copy of said letter is being handed over to the appellant at today's hearing with the advise to deposit the sum requested by the respondent PIO, following which, it will be incumbent on the respondent PIO to supply duly attested copies to the appellant without any further delay.

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4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 Signature of the PIO Name of the PIO Name of the Public Authority Date

5. Next hearing on 28.10.2022 at 11.30 am in the office of the Punjab State information Commission, Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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

Chandigarh 31.8.2022