PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Ms Simple Rani, D/o Sh. Krishan Kapoor, R/o VPO Mana Singh Wala, Tehsil & District Ferozepur.

Versus

Mrs. Amandeep Kaur, Public Information Officer-cum-BDPO, Ghall Khurd, District Ferozepur. First Appellate Authority, District Development and Panchayat Officer, Ferozepur.

Appeal Case No. 2992 of 2023

PRESENT: Simple Rani (Appellant) 81949-11956 Parampal Singh, Panchayat Secretary (for the Respondent) 99146-41065 Khuswinder Singh, Panchayat Officer (for the Respondent) 99143-00049

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 8.8.2023, 6.9.2023, and 2.11.2023)

1. The RTI application is dated **15.2.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Gram Panchayat Malwal Jadid from 1.4.20219 to 15.2.2023**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.3.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.5.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **2.11.2023**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Parampal Singh, Panchayat Secretary and Sh. Khuswinder Singh, Panchayat Officer, have brought the information pertaining to this RTI application to this Hearing. There is no pointwise reply with the said information. The PIO-cum-BDPO, is once again directed to provide a pointwise reply to this RTI application as discussed at this Hearing. The reply specifically citing the information that is not available, must be signed by PIO-cum-BDPO, not any subordinate officer.

3. This RTI application was submitted on 15.2.2023 and is still to be addressed fully. The appellant Ms. Simple Rani has been made to suffer much harassment for no fault of her own. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to award a compensation.

4. In view of the harassment and detriment caused to the appellant, <u>Ms. Simple Rani</u>, this Commission deems it appropriate to award a <u>compensation of Rupees Ten Thousand (Rs.</u> <u>10,000.00</u>). This is to be paid vide a crossed cheque / demand draft, by the Public Authority, in this instance, <u>the office of BDPO, Ghall Khurd, District Ferozepur</u>, within 30 days of receiving this Order. Proof of payment is to be submitted to this Commission.

5. <u>Next Hearing on 26.12.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> <u>Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh</u>.

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY) State Information Commissioner, Punjab. Chandigarh 21.12.2023