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Shri Baljit Singh, (98151 50914) Ex Sarpanch, S/o Shri Chuhar Singh, R/o Village Muchrowal, Tehsil & District Jalandhar.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer.** 

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Bhogpur, District Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer, Jalandhar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4912 OF 2022 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

**PRESENT:** Shri Baljit Singh, Appellant (On Telephone)

None on behalf of the Respondents.

## **ORDER** (FIRST HEARING):

- The RTI application is dated 03.10.2021 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 24.05.2022 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act) and Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 02.05.2023.
- 2. Since the appellant is absent, he is contacted on his mobile phone. He states that he has deposited Rs. 1500/- as documentation fee but information sought has not been provided to him till date.
- 3. The PIO is also absent for today's hearing, inspite of the Notice/Orders of the Commission. This shows his disregard to the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously as it has affected the hearing and disposal of the case.
- 4. The PIO is directed to provide complete information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing and should appear personally through Cisco Webex, on the next date of hearing, failing which after issuing a <u>Show Cause Notice</u>, <u>Penalty</u> will be imposed upon the PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- 5. The matter is adjourned to 20.06.2023 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645. Both the parties are directed to come to attend the hearing accordingly. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Chandigarh 02.05.2023