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Sub. Maj Balbir Singh, (94647 26538)

S/o Shri Ram Kishan,

Village Jamalpur, Post Office Umarpur, Tehsil Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur – 144214

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer, Hoshiarpur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4811 OF 2022 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

PRESENT: Sub. Maj Balbir Singh, Appellant.

None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER (FIRST HEARING):

- 1. The RTI application is dated 18.04.2022 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 11.07.2022 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act) and Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.05.2023. Due to the declaration of holiday on the eve of May Diwas (Labour Day) by the Government of Punjab, the case is adjourned to 03.05.2023.
- 2. The Appellant states that information sought has not been provided to him.
- 3. The PIO is 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 the requisite information/reply 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 21.06.2023 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 03.05.2023