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Shri Karandeep Singh, (70093 12097)

S/o Shri Lakhwinder Singh,

R/o Village Sarai, P.O Chore Sidhwan,

Tehsil & Distt Gurdaspur – 143521

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Panchayat Secretray, Gram Panchayat, Sarai,

Tehsil & Distt Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,

Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4885 OF 2022

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

PRESENT: None for the Parties.

ORDER (FIRST HEARING):

1. The RTI application is dated 30.06.2022 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 07.09.2022 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 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 PIO is absent for today's hearing. However, the Bench has received a letter stating that information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records therefore could not be provided to him.
3. In view of the above, the PIO is directed to provide available information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing and should appear personally through Cisco Webex, on the next date of hearing, In case information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is directed to file an Affidavit duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records in Appeal Case No. 4885 of 2022. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement in made is true and correct and produce the same before the Bench, on the next date of hearing, failing which after issuing a **Show Cause Notice, Penalty** will be imposed upon the PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
4. The Appellant is also directed to follow up his case in the Commission, failing which decision shall be taken in his absence.
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.

Chandigarh
03.05.2023

Sd/-
(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab