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Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, S/o Shri Harbans Lal,  
Romana, Street, Jaito, distt:Faridkot.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Additional Chief Secretary,  
Local Govt. Pb, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Additional Chief Secretary,  
Local Govt. Pb, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No. 1018 of 2023**

**Present: i) Shri Lajpat Rai - Appellant – through cisco-webex**  
**ii) None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 25.04.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. As per appellant, he visited the office of PIO on 02.05.2023, 12.05.2023 and again on 26.05.2023 but nobody attended to him nor permitted inspection of records.
3. The respondent is absent nor is represented and has not complied with the order of the Commission. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to **show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time. He/she should file an affidavit in this regard.** If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such person(s) of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.
4. The PIO is directed to provide point-wise information to the appellant before the next date of hearing. The PIO is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next date of hearing alongwith entire record relating to the RTI application. The appellant is also advised to come present in person before the Bench to attend the next hearing.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 25.07.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Sd/-**

**Chandigarh**  
**19.06.2023**

**(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))**  
**State Information Commissioner, Punjab**