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Appellant

**Sh. Surinderpal Singh (8686278000)**  
S/o Late Shri Babu Singh,  
R/o 947, HIG, Jamalpur Colony,  
District Ludhiana (141010)

Versus

**Show-Cause**

**(Regd. Post)** **Public Information Officer**  
O/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Amritsar.

Encl. RTI application

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Amritsar.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 105 of 2022**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Shri Tejinder Singh on behalf of the appellant.  
Respondent: Sh. Davinder, DEO

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 1.11.2022 vide which respondent PIO was directed to remove the discrepancy within seven days after receipt of order. He was also directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing and matter was adjourned to 22.12.2022, which was postponed to 19.4.2023.
2. In today's hearing, representative of the appellant, Shri Tejinder Singh states that deficiencies were pointed out on 10.8.2022 & 28.8.2022 via email and whatsapp but the same are yet to remove. He further pleads the court that suitable directions be given so that the discrepancies can be removed.
3. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Amritsar is directed to show cause** in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

4. Respondent PIO is directed to remove the discrepancy as per previous order of the Commission dated 01.11.2022 within ten days after receipt of this order on priority basis, so that case could be concluded on the next date of hearing.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned to **28.06.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Commission Office**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 19.04.2023**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**