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Sh. Prabhjot Singh Gill (8146007472)

S/o Sh. Jagjit Singh

#329, VPO Doda, Muktsar-152031

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Punjab Transparency and Accountability Commission,
Sector-17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o D.G.R., Punjab

Plot No. D-241,

Industrial Area, Phase-8B,

Sector-74, Mohali

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1135 of 2022

Hearing through CISCO WBEX

Present: Appellant: Sh. Prabhjot Singh Gill

Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. The above mentioned case was earlier heard on 18.07.2022 by the Bench of Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide which respondent submitted a reply has already been sent to the appellant. He added that no deficiency has been pointed out by the appellant. It was observed that appellant sent an email dated 18.07.2022 at 12:45 PM after the hearing was over through which he made submissions and requested to fix the case through online mode. It was also observed that being nature of RTI application and the response filed by the respondent, the Commission was of the view that case could only be concluded only after thorough discussion with the parties. The matter was fixed for further hearing on 17.08.2022.
2. The case was allocated to the undersigned Bench vide orders dated: 12.8.2022 passed by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab. Accordingly matter is fixed for today i.e. 13.10.2022 through CISCO WEBEX.
3. In today's hearing the appellant is present but nobody is present on behalf of the respondent in spite of registered notice issued to him by the Commission.
4. The appellant states that the concerned office does not take care of for the hearing fixed. He further pleads that suitable directions be given to the respondent department so that information could be supplied to him by only via email only since sufficient time has gone in vain as he has refused to accept information through registered post.

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5. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case. In pursuance of this, the PIO is directed to file a written submission in response to the Notice of the Commission and should present this case personally (through cisco webex), on the next date of hearing, failing which stern action as per RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated against him.
6. **Respondent PIO is directed to supply the point-wise information/reply as per RTI application to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order.**
7. The appellant is also advised to point out point-wise deficiencies, if any, on its receipt within 7 days to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission, so that the same can be removed by the respondent department.
8. Copy of this order be sent only to the Public Information Officer and First Appellate Authority via post as appellant wants copy of this order via email, so no hardcopy of this order be dispatched to the appellant.
9. **Matter is adjourned for further hearing on 07.12.2022 at 12:00 Noon through CISCO WEBEX.**
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632.

Date: 13.10.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab