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.....Respondent

Smt. Kailash Kaur, (9815117328)

W/o Late Sh. Dalbir Singh,

Village HardorwalKhurd, Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak,

DisttGurdaspur.

......Appellant/Complainant

Public Information Officer

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Dera Baba Nanak.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Commissioner,

Gurdaspur.

Appeal Case No.544 of 2022

| Appear duce Held++ of LeLL | | | | |
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| Date of RTI | Date of Reply, | Date of First Appeal | Date of Order / Reply, | Date of Appeal/Complaint |
| Application | if any of SPIO | made, if any | if any of FAA | filed in the Commission |
| 19.04.2021 | 22.11.2021 | 28.06.2021 | - | 24.01.2022 |

Present: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Ms. Sukhwinder Kaur (Supt.)

ORDER (Third hearing);

- 1. This order may be read with reference of previous order of the Commission dated 05.09.2022.
- 2. The officer representing the SDM Dera Baba Nanak Ms. Sukhwinder Kaur submitted that the sought information has already been sent to the appellant twice vide letter referene no. 67 dated 25.10.2021and again on dated 22.11.2021 bearing no. 709. In response to the fine imposed on the respondent / compensation Rs. 10,000 to be awarded to appellant vide order dated 30.06.2022, PIO Bera Baba Nanak informed the Commission that the non-attendance of the hearing on 30.06.2022 was not. Respondnet PIO, therefore, requested the Commission to wave of the fine imposed on him.
- 3. The Commission after perusing the respondent's explanation surmises that the respondent, the no lapse in the supplying the sought information to the appellant. The respondent vide letter dated 02.08.2022 vide diary no. 17129 had also submitted the complete detail of the matter and also tendered his unconditional apology for this lapse and requested the Commission to condone the same. The Commission notes that there was no malafide or deliberate attempt on the part of the then PIO for not attending the hearing. Hence, it would not be appropriate to impose any fine on the PIO. Hence, it would not be appropriate to award compensation of Rs. 10,000 to the appellant in this case, therefore it is waved off.

Accordingly the case is **Disposed of and closed**.

Sd/-

Chandigarh 19.10.2022

(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab