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Shri Pawan Kumar Verma, S/o Late Shri Baldev Raj,
R/o .No. 347/A, Surya Enclave Near Ekta Nagar Railway Fatak,
Jalandhar.



.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Tehsildar,
Jalandhar-1

First Appellate Authority

O/o SDM,
Jalandhar-1.

....Respondents

AC No. 1205 of 2023

**Present: i) Shri Pawan Kumar Verma - Appellant – in person
ii) None for the Respondent**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 03.05.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. As per appellant, the First Appellate Authority had called him and during personal hearing directed the PIO to provide information but the PIO has not supplied any information yet. The appellant further alleges that there is huge corruption in the department and he wants information with a motive to bring to light these corrupt officials.
3. The PIO is absent for the second consecutive hearing nor is represented. 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 and for non-appearance before the Bench despite repeated notice/orders. 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 appear personally on the next date of hearing before the Bench alongwith entire record relating to the RTI application. The appellant is also directed to come present in person before this Bench on the next hearing failing which Bench may be constrained to decide the case based on submissions of the PIO and documents available on file.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 19.07.2023 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
29.05.2023**

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