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Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069),

2469, Sunny Enclave,

Sector 125, Kharar, District Mohali (140301)

Appellant

Versus

Show-Casue

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

(Regd. Post) O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1266 of 2022

Through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant-Sh. Manjinder Singh
Respondent: None

ORDER

1. This case may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 06.09.2022 vide which respondent PIO was directed to fix an inspection and adjourned for 27.10.2022, which was postponed and is fixed for today i.e. 13.12.2022.
2. In today's hearing the appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. None is present from the department.
4. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot 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.

5. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority i.e. The Secretary, RTA, Faridkot through registered post for the compliance of this order and to look into the matter as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, not for the harassment of the public.
6. **PIO concerned is directed to appear in Commission along with the information on the next date of hearing.**
7. Appellant is on liberty either to attend hearing at PSIC Office or through CISCO WEBEX Meeting (meeting number 1582933632).
8. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **29.03.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission.** Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 13.12.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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