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Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069),

2469 , Sunny Enclave,

Sector 125, Kharar, District Mohali (140301)

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1266 of 2022
Through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant-Sh. Manjinder Singh
Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.12.2022 vide which respondent PIO was absent and a show cause was issued to him. The matter was adjourned to 29.3.2023.
2. In today's hearing the appellant states that no information has been supplied to him even after the directions of the Commission.
3. Respondent PIO is absent consecutively second time, which indeed a serious matter.
4. From the material on record, it transpires that there has been unnecessary delay in conveying the correct State of affairs to the appellant in respect to his request for information. No explanation for delay has been given by him. Rather, his failure to even respond to the directions issued to him by the Commission reinforces the fact that he has been without any reasonable cause guilty of remissness in the discharge of his duties, therefore, deserves to be penalized.
5. In view of the defying attitude of the **concerned respondent PIO, Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot** neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation for the directions issued to him within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the court comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the **imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) upon the concerned respondent PIO**. However, taking a lenient view, I impose a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten thousand only) on the respondent PIO. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of RTA, Faridkot is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of the concerned respondent PIO and be deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services

60 other Services

800-Other Receipts

86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

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6. Both the parties are directed to appear in person along with relevant documents in this instant appeal case.
7. To come up on **30.05.2023 at 11:00 AM for further proceedings in the Commission.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 29.03.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab