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(Regd. Post) **Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069),**
2469 , Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar, District Mohali (140301)
Versus

Appellant

(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: (i) Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh
(ii) Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.03.2023 vide which it was observed that information is still to be supplied and penalty amounting Rs.10,000/- was imposed on the respondent PIO. The matter was adjourned to 30.5.2023.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present and states that information is still pending even after the directions of the Commission dated 06.09.2022 after the sufficient time has elapsed.
3. Respondent PIO is absent fourth time without any intimation to the Commission. He was also absent on previous hearings held on 06.09.2022, 13.12.2022 and 29.03.2023.
4. On hearing held on 13.12.2022 show cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO and no reply is received till date.
5. On hearing held on 29.3.2023, penalty amounting Rs. 10,000/- was imposed on respondent PIO and compliance report is still not received by the Commission.
6. In wake of above, **Penalty amounting Rs. 10,000/- which was imposed on the concerned respondent PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot vide order dated 03.01.2023 passed by the undersigned Bench is enhanced to Rs. 15,000/-**
7. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 15,000/- 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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8. Respondent PIO is directed to deal this case on priority basis without wasting further time and send compliance report within twenty days after receipt of this order.
9. A copy of this order be sent to the First Appellate Authority to look into the matter and for the compliance of this order.
10. To come up on **12.09.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission.**
Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Date : 30.5.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab