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Sh. Manjinder Singh (9872015069),

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District Mohali

Versus

SHOW CAUSE:

Public Information Officer,

(Regd. Post) O/o Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority,

Bathinda

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority,

Bathinda.

Respondent

Appellant

Appeal Case No.: 12 of 2023 Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This case may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 03.05.2023.

 In today's hearing, the appellant states that incomplete information has been supplied to him and further requests for pending information in relation to the point number 2, 4 and 5 of the RTI application.

3. The respondent PIO is not present for today's hearing but an email dated 02.05.2023 is received by the undersigned Bench showing that information was sent to the appellant on 02.05.2023. It is also observed that respondent PIO was absent on previous hearing held on 03.05.2023. Respondent PIO is not present today to clear the facts of point no. 2, 4 and 5 as appellant is not satisfied with the supplied information.

4. In view of the foregoing, <u>respondent PIO, O/o RTA, Bathinda is directed to show cause</u> 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. Respondent PIO is also directed to deal this case on priority basis and supply the requisite information within ten days after receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.

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- 6. The appellant is also advised to point out deficiencies within 7 days from the receipt of information, failing which the case shall be decided on merits.
- 7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned for further hearing on 09.08.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
Dated: 21.06.2023 State Information Commissioner
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