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Appellant

Sh. Dinesh Kumar (9466100100)

S/o Sh. Daulat Ram, R/o Vill. Neerewala, Tehsil Balachaur, Distt. SBS Nagar

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o BDPO, SBS Nagar

First Appellate Authority O/o DDPO, SBS Nagar

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1323 of 2023 Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Dinesh Kumar

Respondent: Absent

ORDER

Date: 4.7.2023

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- 1. The application dated 30.09.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 8.12.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 10.02.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for 4.7.2023 through CISCO WEBEX application.
- 2. In today's hearing, appellant states that sufficient time has elapsed but the sought for information is still to receive.
- The respondent is absent in spite of registered post notice issued to him by the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case.
- 4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to supply the sought for information within 10 days from the receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission, failing which stern action will be initiated against him.
- 5. Appellant is advised to point out discrepancy, if any, in writing, within seven days to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission once he had received the requisite information, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned for further hearing on 16.11.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector-16, Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Note: After hearing of this case, respondent, Sh. Jaswinder Singh, PO (9855695667) appears before the undersigned Bench and he intimates the Commission that information had already been supplied to the appellant.

(Anumit Singh Sodhi) State Information Commissioner Punjab