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**Sh. Avtar Singh (9463595609),**  
S/o Sh. Ballu Ram,  
Village Moosa, PO Nurpur Bedi,  
District Ropar.

Appellant

Versus

**(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,**  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Jalandhar.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Jalandhar.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 1345 of 2023**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Appellant: Sh. Avtar Singh through cisco webex.  
Respondent: Absent.

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application dated 03.08.2022 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 26.08.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.02.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for 05.07.2023 at 11.00 a.m. through CISCO WEBEX application.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant states that no information has been supplied to him and further requests for the same.
3. On the other hand, the respondent PIO is absent in spite of registered post notice issued to him.
4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that BDPO-cum-PIO, Bhogpur was directed to represent his case today by the First Appellate Authority through letter number 17 dated 05.04.2023 (received by the Commission via email dated 05.04.2023) and letter no. 82 dated 12.04.2023 (received in the Commission vide diary no. 10774 dated 04.05.2023), which are taken on record but nobody bothers to represent this case today from the respondent's side.
5. It is also observed that RTI application was not transferred to the PIO, O/o BDPO, Bhogpur under Section 6(3) by the respondent PIO, O/o DDPO, Jalandhar within stipulated time period as per the case file.

Accordingly, concerned respondent PIO, O/o DDPO, Jalandhar is directed to collect the information from the concerned office and supply it to the appellant within twenty days after receipt of this order. Respondent PIO, O/o DDPO, Jalandhar is also directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing along with relevant record, failing which stern action will be initiated against him. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post for his ready reference.

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Appellant is advised to go through the information, once he had received and point out discrepancy within seven days in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission, 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 **24.08.2023 at 11:00 A.M. Punjab State Information Commission, sector-16, Chandigarh**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 05.07.2023**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**