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Shri Sukhchain Singh, S/o Sh. Nachattar Singh, Navi Basti, Ward Number 08, Dhanaula, Distrcit Barnala. M: 9463561981 Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o EO, Nagar Council, Dhanaula, District Barnala.

First Appellate Authority, O/o ADC (UD), Barnala. Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1483 of 2022.

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present: Sh. Sukhchain Singh, appellant. Sh. Sunil Dutt Verma, Executive Officer-cum PIO M 9988800924 and Sh. Chanchal, Deemed PIO, M 6284080064.

Order

This case was last heard by State Information Commissioner, Sh. Sanjiv Garg on 30.8.2022 This case was reallocated to this bench due to administrative reasons and case was fixed for hearing today. The appellant has sought the following information:

2. The appellant has sent an email which is taken on record.. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the PIO so far.

3. The PIO states that the concerned record is handled by Sh. Chanchal Singh, Jr. Asstt and Deemed PIO. The PIO states that he has written to Sh. Chanchal Kumar(JA) through Section 5(4) for assistance and he has not supplied any information. The PIO further states that



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the appellant has sought voluminous information pertaining to the year 2016 to 2020 and larger public interest may be asked from the appellant for seeking this information.

4. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, Chanchal Kumar, Junior Assistant-cum Deemed PIO, Public is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing wilful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing wilful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also 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 take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

5 After hearing the parties, going through the RTI application and detailed deliberations, the appellant is hereby, directed to establish larger public interest in seeking the voluminous information before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

6. To come up on 16.11.2022 at 3.30 P.M. to be heard through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Barnala.

Dated 18.10.2022 @s (Suresh Arora) Chief information Commissioner, Punjab