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Chamber No.111,
Mahatma Gandhi Complex,
District Courts, Patiala.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1486 of 2021

Heard through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

- (i) Sh. Kulwinder Singh Ghuman, Appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sham Lal (ATO-cum-PIO) at PSIC office.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with earlier order dated 15.09.2022 vide which respondent stated that affidavit has been sent to the appellant on 7.9.2022. Copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission via an email dated 07.09.2022, which is taken on record, but the appellant denies receipt of the same. Respondent, Sh. Sham Lal requested to waive off the penalty amounting Rs. 10,000/- which was imposed on the concerned respondent PIO vide order dated 03.08.2022. He further added that a reply in this regard had also been sent to the Commission via an email dated 12.09.2022, which is received and taken on record.

Respondent PIO is directed to supply the affidavit in original to the appellant after confirming the address mentioned in this order under intimation to the Commission by Monday positively. Fate of Penalty shall be decided on the next date of hearing.

Respondent PIO, Sh. Sham Lal was directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing positively to clear the facts of this case. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 27.10.2022, which was postponed to 14.12.2022 i.e. today.

2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Appellant states that he has received the affidavit in original.
3. Respondent, Sh. Sham Lal requests to waive off the imposed penalty amounting Rs. 10,000/- and assured that RTI applications will be dealt on time in near future.
4. After having detail discussion with both the parties, I am of the considered view that there is no malafide intention of the respondent PIO for not providing the information. He has complied with the orders passed by the Commission in this instant appeal case. It is also brought into the notice of the Commission that reply and affidavit stands supplied and to ensure natural justice penalty imposed on the concerned respondent PIO is recalled.
5. In view of the observations noted above, the instant case is **disposed of**. Copies of this decision be sent to the parties.

Dated: 14.12.2022

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

(Regd. Post)

Sh. Sham Lal (PIO)
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala