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Sh. Rajinder Kumar (9646380671)

S/o Sh. Mehar Chand,
Ward No. 2, Supreme Enclave,
Near Vishvkarma Bhawan,
Link Road, Mansa

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o EO. Nagar Council,
Mansa

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Deputy Director,
Local Govt. Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 169 and 170 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Rajinder Kumar through CISCO.
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sukhpal Singh (Clerk) at PSIC office.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.10.2022 vide which both the parties were present but the appellant stated that status of the case is the same and there is no progress.

The respondent stated that information had already been supplied to the appellant on 24.5.2022.

Respondent PIO was directed to supply the point-wise reply/information once again to the appellant under intimation to the Commission within seven days from today. He was also directed to reply to the show cause without wasting further time. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 11.01.2023 at Commission's office.

2. In today's hearing, appellant states that nothing is received from the respondent PIO after the previous hearing held on 26.10.2022.
3. Respondent, Sh. Sukhpal Singh is present for today's hearing but it is observed that he is not aware regarding both the above mentioned cases.
4. After examining the case file, **it is observed that reply to show-cause which was issued to Sh. Tarun Kumar on 24.05.2022 is not received till date as per the case file. Respondent PIO was directed to send point-wise reply/information once again to the appellant within seven days as per directions of the Commission dated 26.10.2022. Copy of previous orders dated 24.05.2022 and 26.10.2022 was sent to Sh. Tarun Kumar by name through registered post but no response is received. A copy of this order be also sent to him by name through registered post.**

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5. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, Sh. Vipam O/o EO, Nagar Council, Mansa is directed to show cause** 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.

6. With aforesaid directions and on the request of the appellant, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **02.05.2023 at 11:30 A.M. at Commission office**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 11.01.2023 (11:30 AM)

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Tarun Kumar (PIO)
O/o EO. Nagar Council,
Mansa

Show-Cause

Sh. Vipam (PIO)
O/o EO. Nagar Council,
Mansa

Encl. RTI applications of Appeal Case no. 169 and 170 of 2021