

# PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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**Shri Sukhdev Singh Pandher, (98157 62270)**

R/o Village Chahil, P.O. Bhadson,

Tehsil Nabha, Distt Patiala.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer, (BY NAME)**

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Block Nabha, District Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority, (BY NAME)**

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,

Patiala.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 5260 OF 2022** **(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

### **PRESENT:**

Shri Sukhdev Singh Pandher, Appellant.

Shri Deepak Jindal, Superintendent for the PIO (78884 62020) (On Telephone)

### **ORDER (FIRST HEARING):**

1. The RTI application is dated 13.06.2022 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 24.08.2022 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.11.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act) and Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.05.2023.
2. The Appellant states that information sought has not been provided to him.
3. The PIO is absent for today's hearing, in spite of the Notice/Orders of the Commission. This shows his disregard to the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case.
4. The perusal of the case reveals that the PIO has neither provided the complete information to the appellant nor pursue this case personally or through his representative, even after the lapse of the 11 months period.
5. In view of the above, a **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE** under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act is issued to the Public Information Officer O/o B.D.P.O., Block Nabha, District Patiala to explain as to why penalty should not be imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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6. The PIO is directed to file reply to the Show Cause Notice and provide the requisite information to the appellant and should appear personally through CISCO Webex, on the next date fixed, failing which penalty will be imposed upon him as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
7. Since the Respondent is absent, he is contacted on his mobile phone. He states that some more time is given to him to provide requisite information to the appellant.
8. The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Patiala is also directed to ensure compliance of the order from the concerned PIO, before the next date of hearing.
9. The matter is adjourned to **28.06.2023 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645.** Both the parties are directed to come to attend the hearing accordingly.  
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh  
16.05.2023**

Sd/-  
**(Maninder Singh Patti)**  
**State Information Commissioner, Punjab**