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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)** Appellant
2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar, District Mohali (140301)
Versus
(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.
(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot. Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1829 of 2022

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh
(ii) Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.04.2023 vide which it was observed that information in connection with point no.2 & 3 was still to be supplied. Respondent PIO was absent on the previous hearing even after issuing him show cause notice (vide order dated 03.01.2023). Accordingly, penalty amounting Rs.5,000/- was imposed on the concerned respondent PIO. Matter was adjourned to 30.5.2023.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant is present and states that pending information of point no. 2 and 3 is still pending.
3. Respondent PIO is absent third time without any intimation to the Commission. He was also absent on previous hearings held on 03.01.2023 and 05.04.2023.
4. On hearing held on 03.01.2023 show cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO and no reply is received till date.
5. On hearing held on 05.04.2023, penalty amounting Rs. 5,000/- was imposed on respondent PIO and compliance report is still not received by the Commission.
6. In wake of above, **Penalty amounting Rs. 5,000/- which was imposed on the concerned respondent PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot vide order dated 03.01.2023 passed by the undersigned Bench is enhanced to Rs. 10,000/-**
7. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10,000/- from the salary of the concerned respondent PIO and be deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services

60 other Services

800-Other Receipts

86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

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8. Respondent PIO is directed to deal this case on priority basis without wasting further time and send compliance report within twenty days after receipt of this order.
9. A copy of this order be sent to the First Appellate Authority to look into the matter and for the compliance of this order.
10. To come up on **12.09.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission.**
Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Date : 30.5.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab