



Sh. Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)

Appellant

S/o Saroop Chand,
H.no. 33, Kahangarh Road,
Patran, District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer
(Regd. Post) O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1831 of 2022
Hearing at PSIC Office

Present: Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh through webex.
Respondent: Absent.

ORDER:

1. This case may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 03.05.2023 vide which penalty amounting Rs. 10,000/- was imposed on the concerned respondent PIO. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 05.07.2023 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant states that no response from the respondent PIO even after the directions of the Commission time and again.
3. The respondent PIO is absent second time without any intimation to the Commission. Respondent PIO expressed his causal and lenient attitude towards the notice/orders/directions of the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case.
4. It is also observed that Rs. 10000/- was imposed on the PIO concerned vide orders dated 03.05.2023 but no response from the respondent PIO. A copy of previous order was sent to the respondent PIO, Sh. Kuldeep Singh by name through registered post. RTI Act, 2005 came into existence for securing access to information under the control of public authorities, in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, not to harass the public.
5. The PIO is also directed to supply the information within one week after receipt of this order along with directions to submit copy of challan for penalty deposit before the next date of hearing.
6. A copy of this order be also sent to the State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh to look into this matter and make sure for the compliance of this order.
7. Appellant is advised to go through the information, once he had received and point out discrepancy within seven days in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned for further hearing on **18.08.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 05.07.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Copy to:

The State Transport Commissioner,
(Regd. Post) Punjab, Sector -17, Chandigarh.