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Sh. Ravinder Kataria(9463133590)

64, New Sant Fateh Singh Nagar,
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Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer (By Name)
O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority (By Name)
O/o State Tpt. Commissioner, Pb.,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1939 of 2019
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Ravinder Kataria
Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.10.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that nothing is supplied by the respondent PIO even after the directions of the Commission time and again.
3. Respondent PIO is absent in spite of registered post order issued to him by the Commission dated 20.10.2022. He was also absent on the previous hearing held on 20.10.2022.
4. After examining the case file, it is observed that this instant appeal case was filed in the Commission on 27.05.2019 and first hearing was held on 15.10.2019 before the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Sanjiv Garg and till today this case is pending due to this or that excuse/reason, which shows irresponsible behavior of the respondent PIO as well as of the First Appellate Authority for furnishing the information by the respondent PIO.
5. Due to evasive attitude of the respondent PIO, **show cause notice was issued twice on 05.02.2020 and 21.12.2021. Penalty amounting Rs. 10,000/- was imposed on the concerned respondent PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Amritsar vide order dated 22.03.2022 passed by the Hon'ble SIC, Sh. Sanjiv Garg.**
6. On hearing held on 20.10.2022 before the undersigned Bench respondent PIO was absent and one opportunity was awarded to him to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing and matter was adjourned for today i.e. 20.10.2022 but respondent PIO did not paid any heed towards the directions of the Commission.

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7. A final opportunity to respondent PIO to appear in person on the next date of hearing along with relevant record in connection with RTI application along with penalty deposited challan copy, reply to show cause notices issued to him vide orders dated 05.02.2020 and 21.12.2021, failing which warrant will be issued against the concerned respondent PIO.
8. Appellant is also advised to appear in person at PSIC office Chandigarh, failing which case will be decided on merit basis.
9. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority by name for the compliance of this order on priority basis without further delay.
10. To come up on **16.2.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 24.01.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab