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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Ravinder Kataria(9463133590)**
64, New Sant Fateh Singh Nagar,
Dugri Road,
Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

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

Encl. RTI application

(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 orders dated 15.10.2019, 11.12.2019, 05.02.2020, 25.08.2020, 28.10.2020, 25.01.2021, 20.07.2021, 05.10.2021, 21.12.2021, 22.03.2022 passed by the Ld. SIC, Sh. Sanjiv Garg and 20.10.2022, 24.01.2023 passed by the undersigned Bench.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present in person.
3. Nobody appears on behalf of the respondent department in spite of registered notice/orders issued to him, which shows failure of respondent PIO, O/o Secy., RTA, Amritsar to perform his duties as a public servant.
4. **Penalty amounting Rs.10,000/- which 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 is enhanced to Rs. 20,000/-.**
5. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of Secretary, RTA, Amritsar is directed to deduct the amount of **penalty of Rs. 20,000/-** 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
6. Final opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing to clear the facts of this case. A copy of RTI application be sent to him along with this order for his ready reference.
7. A copy of this order be sent to the First Appellate Authority by name through registered post for the compliance of this order on priority basis.
8. To come up on **15.03.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties through **registered post**.

Dated: 16.2.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab