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Sh. Prabhjot Singh Gill (8146007472)

S/o Sh. Jagjit Singh

#329, VPO Doda, Muktsar-152031

Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o DC, Fatehgarh Sahib

Encl. RTI application.

First Appellate Authority

(Regd. Post) O/o DC, Fatehgarh Sahib

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1951 of 2022

Hearing through CISCO WBEX

Present: Appellant: Sh. Prabhjot Singh Gill.

Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.10.2022 vide which respondent, Sh. Rajesh stated that information had already been supplied to the appellant dated 17.06.2022. He presented a copy of the same during the hearing, which is in the case file vide letter no. 283 dated 17.06.2022, mentioning therein point-wise reply from point no. 1 to 5 of the RTI application but not in connection with point no. 6.

Appellant stated that information will be refused if sent by post and requests the Commission to direct the respondent PIO to send information via an email only from the official email ID of the concerned department instead of personal email ID.

Accordingly, respondent PIO was directed to supply the point-wise information/reply as per RTI application to the appellant by today via email from the official email ID under intimation to the Commission.

Appellant was also advised to point out point-wise deficiencies, if any, on its receipt within 7 days to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission, so that the same can be removed by the respondent department. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 07.12.2022.

2. In today's hearing, appellant is present and states that information is still pending from the respondent PIO even after the directions of the Commission time and again.
3. Respondent PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission. It is also observed that no communication is received from the concerned respondent PIO in the instant appeal case; after the previous hearing held on 13.10.2022.

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4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib is directed to show cause** in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

5. **Respondent PIO is directed to comply with the previous order dated 13.10.2022 within seven days after receipt of this order.**
6. The appellant is advised to point out point-wise deficiencies, if any, on its receipt within 7 days to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission, so that the same can be removed by the respondent department.
7. Appellant is also advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing which case will be decided on merit basis.
8. Copy of this order be sent only to the Public Information Officer and First Appellate Authority via post as appellant wants copy of this order via email, so no hardcopy of this order be dispatched to the appellant.
9. **Matter is adjourned for further hearing on 21.02.2023 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632.

Date: 07.12.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Note: After the hearing was over, a call was received from Sh. Rajesh (Superintendent, M: 7986933276) and he intimates that he was trying to connect the CISCO Meeting but unable to attend.

Date: 07.12.2022

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