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Shri Krishan Lal Rinwa,
S/o Shri Girdhari Lal Rinwa,
Village Bareka, VPO Roop Nagar,
Tehsil and Distt. Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner,
(Development), Fazilka.

Public Information Officer

O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Khuhian Sarvar, District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner,
(Development), Fazilka.

....Respondents

AC No. 1952 of 2021

Present:

(i)
(ii)

**Appellant: Shri Krishan Lal, through webex.
Respondent / PIO: None.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 11.10.2022.
2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Krishan Lal Rinwa, appellant states that he has received a document yesterday and he is satisfied with the information supplied in relation to point number 01 however inputs in relation to point number 2, 3, 4 and 5 are still pending.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. A reply vide endorsement number 1635 /ADC (D) dated 07.10.2022 has been received by the bench which is taken on record.
4. **Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as incomplete information has been supplied to the appellant and nobody has appeared from the department to represent this case today.**
5. In view of the foregoing, respondent **PIO, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner, (Development), Fazilka is directed to Show Cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act,** as to why penalty should not be imposed upon him for wilful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.
6. In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) 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.

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

7. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority i.e. ADC (D), Fazilka through registered post for the compliance of this order and to look into the matter as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, not for the harassment of the public.

8. The PIO concerned is directed to call the appellant on phone and discuss about the partial information so that the remaining information could be supplied by them in time and PIO concerned is further directed to appear in person along with requisite information and related documents, on the next date of hearing before the bench.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 07.12.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
10.11.2022**

Sd/-
**(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner,
(Development), Fazilka.
{Encl. RTI application}