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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 Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar

Encl. RTI application.

(Regd. Post)

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1964 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.
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 consecutively second time without any intimation to the Commission. He was also absent on the previous hearing held on 13.10.2022. It is also observed that previous order which was sent to him is returned to the Commission with remarks 'refused' vide diary no. 24321 dated 26.10.2022, which is taken on record.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar 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 supply the point-wise information/reply as per RTI application to the appellant on his email 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.
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Date: 07.12.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab