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Shri Ranjit Singh, S/o Shri Balvir Singh R/o Village Karni Khera, Tehsil & District Fazilka.

..... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Addl.Dy. Commissioner (Development), Fazilka.

Public Information Officer,

O/o BDPO,

Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Addl. Dy. Commissioner(Development), Fazilka.

.....Respondent

CC No.22 of 2023

Present: (i) Shri Ranjit Singh, Complainant - in person.

(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 06.03.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Ranjit Singh, complainant comes present in person before the Bench and states that he has not been provided any information till date.
- 3. The respondent is absent nor is represented and has also provided nil information to the appellant. Since the information relates to the office of BDPO, Fazilka and the case has been transferred to him by ADC(Development) Fazilka. The PIO O/o BDPO Fazilka is neither present in person or through cisco-webex nor has complied the order of the Commission, the Commission having taken a serious view of this hereby directs the PIO O/o BDPO Fazilka show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time. He/she should file an affidavit in this regard. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such person(s) of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.
- 4. The PIO O/o BDPO Fazilka is directed to call the complainant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the official records. After inspection of records by the complainant, the information as is identified by the complainant, be provided to him before the next hearing. The PIO is directed to ensure that official records related to RTI application of the complainant are presented for examination and documents as identified are given duly attested by the PIO. The PIO is also directed to come present in person before the Bench to attend the next hearing.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 13.07.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Sd/-

Chandigarh 10.05.2023

(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab