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Advocate Tejinder Singh, (90410 04313)

Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Backside SanjhKender, Phillaur – 144410

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development &Pachayat Officer, Jaito,DistrictFaridkot. First Appellate Authority, O/oDistrict Development &Pachayat Officer, Faridkot.

....Respondents

....Appellant

APPEAL CASE NO. 2276 OF 2022 CISCO WEBEX PROCEEDINGS

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of PIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Order, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission
26.11.2021		03.01.2022		09.05.2022

Present: Appellant: Adv. Tejinder Singh

Respondent: Sh. Satinderpal Singh (Supt.) (On telephone call)

ORDER (Second HEARING):

- 1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 04.10.2022.
- 2. Appellant, Adv. Tejinder Singh that no satisfactory response has been provided to him in this case till date.
- 3. Respondent, Sh. Satinderpal Singh telephonically stated that that the non-attendance of the hearing was not intentional but due to network connectivity issue which is a unavoidable circumstances beyond his control. He tendered his unconditional apology for this lapse and requested the Commission to condone the same. He, therefore, requested the Commission not to initiate any action against him in the matter. Further he added that the sought information has been again sent to the appellant via email dated 07.11.2022 and no any other information is pending in the official record.

The commission is in receipt of an email from DDPO Faridkot therein the afore-said statement of the appellant is mentioned in detail. This email is taken on record.

4. The Commission after perusing the respondent's explanation surmises that the respondent was not able to attend the hearing due to unavoidable circumstances beyond his control. Hence, the lapse was not intentional. The respondent vide emails dated 10.11.2022 and 21.11.2022 had also tendered his unconditional apology for this lapse and requested the Commission to condone the same.

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The Commission notes that there was no malafide or deliberate attempt on the part of the then PIO for not attending the hearing. Hence, it would not be appropriate to impose any penalty on the PIO.

 Keeping in view the facts of the case and going through the information/reply supplied by the respondent PIO, the Commission finds that the RTI application in this instance had been adequately addressed. There is no further cause for action and this appeal case is herewith <u>CLOSED</u>.

Chandigarh Dated: 21.11.2022 Sd/-(Maninder Singh Patti) State Information Commissioner, Pb.