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Shri Mohit Arora,
H. No. 136, Gali No. 5, Sunder Nagar,
Amritsar (143001)

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Town Planner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2298 of 2022

Present: i) **Shri Mohit Arora, appellant-in person.**
ii) **None for the respondent.**

ORDER:

1. This case may be read with the reference to the order dated 02.03.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Mohit Arora, appellant comes present in person for today's hearing before the Bench and states that even after a lapse of more than one and half years, no information has been given to him by the PIO.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Town Planner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex. The PIO has also not given any intimation in this regard.
4. There is nothing on record which shows that the RTI application has been attended to within the time prescribed under the RTI Act and there has been an enormous delay in providing the information as well as the respondent is absent without any intimation to the Commission. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO-O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar to show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under section 20(1) 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.
5. During the hearing dated 29.11.2022, bailable warrant had already been issued to the PIO but till today, neither the PIO has come nor has supplied any reply to the appellant. This reflects the sad state of affairs in the function of the department. The PIO is again directed to supply point-wise information to the appellant before the next hearing as also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

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6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed 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.

**Chandigarh
09.05.2023**

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