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Shri Manpreet Singh, (98551 00351)

S/o Shri Davinder Singh,

Village Kalpur, P.O Dakha,

District Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, (BY NAME)

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Block – 1, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, (BY NAME)

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,

Ludhiana.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4036 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
19.05.2022	--	21.06.2022	--	31.08.2022

PRESENT:

Shri Manpreet Singh, Appellant.

Shri Kamal Bharti, Village Development Officer – cum – Panchayat Secretary for the Respondents (98722 04803)

ORDER (FIRST HEARING):

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 17.04.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The Respondent states that requisite information supplied to the appellant on 22.05.2023.
3. The Appellant states that information as sought has not been provided to him and he went to the office of the Respondents for the inspection of the record on 21.04.2023, but they did not get the inspection done in this case. He requests the Court to direct the respondents to provide complete information to him without inspection.
4. After deliberations, the Respondent is directed to provide complete information to the appellant on his whats number and Email to the Commission and In case the information as sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is directed to file an **Affidavit** in this regard before 4:00 PM today.
5. In spite of the directions/Orders of the Commission, no action has been taken by the respondent. This shows his disregard to the Commission. The perusal of the case reveals that the PIO has not provided the complete information to the appellant, even after the lapse of the 12 months period.

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6. In view of the above, a **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE** under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act is issued to Shri Kamal Bharti, Panchayat Secretary – cum – PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Ludhiana–I, District Ludhiana to explain as to why penalty should not be imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
7. The PIO is directed to file reply to the Show Cause Notice and provide the requisite information to the appellant and should appear personally in the Commission, on the next date fixed, failing which **PENALTY** will be imposed upon him as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
8. The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Ludhiana–I, District Ludhiana & District Development and Panchayat Officer, Ludhiana are also directed to ensure compliance of the order from the concerned PIO, before the next date of hearing.
9. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **05.07.2023 at 11:00 AM in the Commission**. Both the parties are directed to present their case personally. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
22.05.2023

Sd/-
(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Copy is forwarded to the following

(Regd. Post)

- 1) **Shri Kamal Bharti,**
Panchayat Secretary – cum – PIO
Gram Panchayat Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar,
Block Ludhiana–I, District Ludhiana.

for intimation and compliance of the order: