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Appellant

Sh. Manjinder Singh (9872015069)

2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar,
Distt. Mohali

Versus

Show-Cause

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer (By Name)**
O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2350 of 2022
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Sh. Manjinder Singh- appellant in person.
Respondent: Absent.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.08.2022 vide which respondent PIO was absent and a call was made to Sh. Arshdeep Singh (PCS) on his mobile number 9888747153 during the hearing, in this regard. He assured that concerned official will join the meeting but nobody bothers to join.

Respondent PIO was directed to supply the point-wise reply/information to the appellant within ten days after receipt of order under intimation to the Commission. A final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to appear in person at Punjab State Information Commission on 01.09.2022 at 12:00 Noon, which was postponed to 03.11.2022.

2. In today's hearing, appellant states that information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent PIO is consecutively absent second time in spite of registered post notices/orders issued to him by the Commission. It is also observed that respondent PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Amritsar has casual approach towards the hearings fixed by the Commission, which is indeed a serious matter.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, 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.

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5. Respondent PIO is directed to appear on the next date of hearing in person on 22.12.2022 at 11:30 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh
6. Appellant is on liberty either to present case in person at PSIC office or through CISCO WEBEX (Meeting No. 1582933632).
7. A copy of this order be sent to Sh. Arshdeep Singh (PCS), RTA Amritsar to look into the matter and for the compliance of this order.
8. Announced in the court. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 03.11.2022

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Registered Post:

Sh. Arshdeep Singh (PCS)
O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar