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Sh. Narinder Pal Singh Goldy (9915999399)
#414 / M-8, Sarai Sant Ram,
Outside Lahori Gate, Near Nawankot, Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

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

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2391 of 2022 **Through CISCO WEBEX**

Present: Appellant - Sh. Narinder Pal Singh
Respondent: absent.

ORDER:

1. This case may be read with the reference to previous order dated 16.02.2023.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that pending information is still pending in connection with point no. 1 and 2, time and again, directions by the Commission.
3. Nobody appears on behalf of the respondent department in spite of registered notice/orders issued, which shows failure of respondent PIO, O/o Secy., RTA, Amritsar to perform his duties as a public servant.
4. After examining the case file, it is also observed that information in connection with point no. 1 and 2 is pending even after the directions of the Commission passed during the hearings on 18.11.2021, 26.07.2022, 23.08.2022, 29.09.2022, 20.12.2022 and 16.02.2023.
5. On hearing held on 23.08.2022, respondent PIO was absent and show cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 29.09.2022.
6. On hearing held on 29.09.2022, respondent PIO was again absent and penalty amounting to Rs. 10,000/- was imposed on respondent PIO. Copy of this order was also sent to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar through registered post for compliance. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 20.12.2022.
7. On hearing held on 20.12.2022, respondent PIO was absent continuously for the fourth time and a final opportunity was awarded to him for the compliance of order passed by the Commission in the instant appeal case. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 16.02.2023.
8. On hearing held on 16.02.2023, respondent PIO was absent fifth time and last opportunity was awarded to him for compliance of orders, failing which penalty will be enhanced. Copy of this order was also sent to the Commissioner, MC, Amritsar through registered post for compliance. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 12.04.2023.
9. **In wake of above, Penalty amounting Rs.10,000/- which was imposed on the concerned respondent PIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar vide order dated 29.09.2022 passed by the undersigned Bench is enhanced to Rs. 20, 000/-.**
10. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 20,000/- from the salary of the concerned respondent PIO and be deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-
 - "0070-Other Administrative Services
 - 60 other Services
 - 800-Other Receipts
 - 86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

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11. Final opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing to clear the facts of this case. A copy of RTI application be sent to him along with this order for his ready reference.
12. A copy of this order be sent to the Commissioner, Sh. Sandeep Rishi (IAS) by name through registered post for the compliance of this order on priority basis.
13. To come up on **07.06.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 12.04.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Copy to:

(Regd. Post) **Sh. Sandeep Rishi (IAS)**
The Commissioner
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar