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Sh. Manjinder Singh (9872015069)

2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector 125, Kharar,
District Mohali (140301).

Appellant

Versus

Show Cause:

Public Information Officer

(Regd. Post) O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

(Regd. Post) O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 241 of 2022
Heard through Cisco Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh
Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.10.2022.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant states that no information has been supplied to him after the last hearing of the Bench held on 11.10.2022.
3. On the other hand, none is present from the department in spite of registered post order issued to him by the Commission.
4. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as nobody appears from the department today and information is still not supplied to the appellant.
5. In view of the foregoing, respondent **PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Sangrur** 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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6. *Respondent PIO is directed to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing at Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh on 02.05.2023 at 11:00 A.M.*
7. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority i.e. the **Secretary, RTA, Sangrur** for the compliance of this order and to look into the matter as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, not for the harassment of the public.
8. To come up on 02.05.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Dated: 11.01.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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