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Shri Ashok Kumar,
S/o Shri Roshan Lal,
F-7/250, Gali Arey Wali,
Kashmir Avenue, Amritsar.
M-94172-95387

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner,
M.C. Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner,
M.C. Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 245 of 2023

Present: i) **Shri Ashok Kumar - Appellant- In person**
ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 23.02.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. The appellant states that he has received certain information on 14.02.2023 which is incomplete since the PIO has not provided investigation report on complaint No.01/05/2021/106977 and the information provided on point-3 does not relate to complaint for which information has been sought.
3. The respondent is absent for the 2nd consecutive hearing nor has filed reply to the show cause notice issued on 23.02.2023 for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act and for not appearing before the Commission despite issue of notice of hearing.
4. Keeping the above-mentioned facts of the case, it is clear that the PIO O/o Commissioner, MC Amritsar is flouting the spirit of the RTI Act continuously. The PIO has not only shown utter disregard for the Commission's repeated orders to provide the information but has shown willful stubbornness in not appearing before the commission despite various orders of the Commission. To secure an erring PIO's presence before the commission, the Information Commission is empowered to issue warrants to the PIO Under Section 18(3) of the RTI Act. A bailable Warrant of the PIO O/o Commissioner, MC Amritsar is hereby issued through Commissioner of Police, Amritsar for his presence before the Commission on **15.06.2023**.
5. The PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the official records. After inspection of records by the appellant, the information as is identified by the appellant be provided to him before the next hearing. The PIO is directed to ensure that official

records related to RTI application of the appellant are presented for examination and documents as identified are given duly attested by the PIO. The PIO is also directed to come present in person before the Bench to attend the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.06.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.04.2023**

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