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Shri Sawinder Singh, (98148 24772)

S/o Shri Bal Singh,
VPO Shutrana, Tehsil Patran,
District Patiala – 147105

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, (BY NAME)

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Patran, District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority, (BY NAME)

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Patiala.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3790 OF 2022 **(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Order / Reply, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/Complaint filed in the Commission
23.05.2022	-	04.07.2022	-	18.08.2022

PRESENT:

Shri Sawinder Singh, Appellant.

Shri Jarnail Singh, Panchayat Secretary (98761 18612) for the Respondents

ORDER (THIRD HEARING):

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 28.03.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The Appellant reiterates his earlier version that information sought has not been provided to him.
3. The Respondent again requests for the adjournment on the same as has been taken on the previous hearing.
4. The PIO is again absent for today's hearing and he was also absent on the last hearings dated 14.12.2022 and 28.03.2023, in spite of the Notice/Orders of the Commission. This shows his disregard to the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case.
5. On the last date of hearing, the Respondent was given last opportunity to file a written reply or to supply requisite information to the appellant but till date no action has been taken by the PIO.

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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 the PIO – cum – BDPO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Patran, District Patiala 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 through CISCO Webex, on the next date fixed, failing which penalty will be imposed upon him as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
8. The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Patiala is 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 **29.05.2023 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645**. Both the parties are directed to present their case accordingly. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
24.04.2023**

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