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Sh. Gagandeep Singh Threke (9316611011)

H.No.208, Aryan Enclave Main Sua Road,
Near Geeta Mandir Chowk,
VPO Threke, Ludhiana 142026.

Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)
(Regd. Post) O/o Returing Officer,
Gill Constituency 66(SC)-Cum-
Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana

Encl. Discrepancy letter dated 01.08.2022

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2575 of 2022
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant: Sh. Gagandeep Singh
Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.09.2022 and matter was adjourned for further hearing on 27.10.2022 which was postponed and fixed for today
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present and nobody appears on behalf of the respondent department.
3. The appellant states that he has pointed out deficiency vide his letter dated 1.8.2022, since time has gone in vain but nothing has been heard from the respondent till date.
4. After examining the case file, it is observed that deficiencies are still to be removed even after the directions passed by the Commission vide order dated 08.09.2022, which is indeed a serious matter.
5. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Returning Officer , Gill Constituency-66(SC)-cum-Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana 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. Final opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO to remove discrepancy (letter dated 01.08.2022) as per RTI application within ten days after receipt of this order. A copy of this order along with discrepancy letter be sent to him through registered post for his ready reference.
7. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **28.03.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
(Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

Date: 8.12.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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