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Sh. Ajay Sharma(9815661652)
s/o Sh. Mangat Ram Sharma,
B-33/2184, Bhagwan Das Colony,
Salem Tabri, Ludhiana 141008.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2594 of 2022
Through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Ajay Sharma
Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.12.2022.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present but the respondent is absent.
3. The appellant states that in spite of last orders of the Commission he has not received any information till date.
4. Respondent PIO is also absent in spite of registered post notices and orders issued to him by the Commission, which is viewed seriously, is a sheer wastage of precious time and resources of the Commission.
5. On the first hearing held on 26.10.2022, ten days were awarded to the respondent PIO to supply the information and matter was adjourned for further hearing on 07.12.2022.
6. On hearing held on 07.12.2022, respondent requests for an adjournment as concerned official were busy and again ten days were awarded to the respondent PIO to comply with the previous order of the Commission dated 26.10.2022 and matter was adjourned for today but nothing positive till date.
7. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, Sh. Shivinder Singh, O/o SDM, Bhikhiwind 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.

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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.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Respondent PIO is directed to come up for hearing in person on 02.05.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.**
9. Appellant is on liberty either to attend hearing at Commission's office at Chandigarh or through CISCO Webex (Meeting number 1582933632).
10. Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

Date: 22.03.2023

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Show-Cause

(Regd. Post) **Sh. Shivinder Singh (PIO-cum-SO)**
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

Encl. RTI Application