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S. Nirbhai Sindh Sidhu, ( )  
R/o Village Khirniya, P.O. Mukhkabad,  
Tehsil Samrala, District Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, (BY NAME)  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, (BY NAME)  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 4329 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, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/Complaint filed in the Commission
20.06.2022	-	26.07.2022	-	16.09.2022

**PRESENT:** S. Nirbhai Singh Sidhu, Appellant.  
None on behalf of the Respondents.

### **ORDER (SECOND HEARING):**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.02.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The Appellant states that information sought has not been provided to him.
3. The PIO is again absent for today's hearing and he was also absent on the last hearing dated 13.02.2023, 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.
4. The perusal of the case reveals that the PIO has neither provided the complete information to the appellant nor pursue this case personally or through his representative, even after the lapse of the 10 months period.
5. In view of the above, a **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE** under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act is issued to the Public Information Officer O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer, Ludhiana 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.

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6. 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.
7. The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Ludhiana is also directed to ensure compliance of the order from the concerned PIO, before the next date of hearing.
8. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **19.06.2023 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  
25.04.2023

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

**Copy of above is forwarded to the following (Regd. Post):**

- 1) **The Deputy Commissioner,**  
Ludhiana.

**for information and necessary compliance**