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Shri Nitin Pratap Singh,
"Baikunth"
9 Bank Colony,
Patiala.



.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director, Local Govt. Department, Punjab
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Local Govt. Department, Punjab
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 266 of 2023

Present: i) **Shri Nitin Pratap Singh - Appellant- through cisco-webex**
ii) **None for the respondent.**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 26.04.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. The appellant comes present for today's hearing through cisco webex and states that no satisfactory response has been received from the respondent yet. He also states that shortcomings in information provided have been sent to the Bench and PIO vide letter dated 12.05.2023.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Director, Local Govt. Punjab has come present in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor any intimation has been given in this regard.
4. After perusing the records, there is nothing on record which shows that the orders of the Bench passed during the previous hearing has been complied with by the PIO and there has been an enormous delay of more than ten months in providing the information. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to **show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time. He/she should file an affidavit in this regard.** If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such person(s) of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.
5. The PIO is again 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 duly attested by the PIO before the next hearing. The PIO is

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also 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. Another opportunity is granted to the PIO to appear before the Bench on the next hearing, failing which Bailable warrant will be issued against the PIO for non compliance of the orders of the Bench.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.07.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
15.06.2023**

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