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**Sh. Manjinder Singh(9872015069)**  
# 2469, Sunny Enclave,  
Sector 125, Kharar, Distt. Mohali.

Appellant

Versus

**Show-Cause**

**(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer (By Name)**  
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,  
Faridkot

**Encl.** RTI application

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,  
Faridkot

Respondent

**Appeal case No.: 2670 of 2022**  
**Hearing through CISCO Webex**

**Present:** Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh  
Respondent: Absent

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.10.2022.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present and states that as per order dated 26.10.2022 the information was to be delivered within 15 days but the department fails to comply with the order of the Hon'ble Commission.
3. Respondent PIO is absent in spite of registered post order issued to him by the Commission.
4. In view of absence of respondent PIO in spite of orders issued to him through registered post by the Commission time and again. **Respondent PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Faridkot 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.
5. 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. Respondent PIO is directed to comply with the previous order of the Commission dated 26.10.2022 within 7 days from the date of receipt of this order failing which action as per RTI rules shall be initiated against the concerned PIO.
7. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **05.04.2023 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).

**Dated: 03.01.2023**

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