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Sh. Jasbir Singh (9888296107)

Village Bolapur, Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh,
District Ludhiana (141123)

Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2697 of 2022

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.01.2023.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant has requested for an adjournment through telephone and he also intimates that discrepancy is still to be removed.
3. Respondent PIO is consecutively absent second time without any intimation to the Commission.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Secy., RTA, 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.

5. Respondent PIO is directed to deal this case on priority basis so that case could be concluded on the next date of hearing.
6. This case is adjourned and both the parties are directed to come up on **12.07.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 05.04.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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