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**Sh. Sanjeev Goyal (9814197689)**

s/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,  
# 148, Model Town,  
Bathinda – 151001.

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer (By Name)**

**(Regd. Post)** O/o Improvement Trust, Bathinda

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Improvement Trust, Bathinda

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 2858 of 2021**

**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:**

(i) Sh. Sanjeev Goyal on behalf of the appellant

(ii) Sh. Gobind Kumar, SA behalf of the respondent PIO.

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.11.2022 where the respondent was absent continuously 3<sup>rd</sup> time. In view of the defying attitude of the concerned respondent PIO, Improvement Trust, Bathinda neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation for the directions issued to him within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the court came to a logical conclusion and was imposed **penalty amounting to Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) upon the concerned respondent PIO**. The directions were given to the Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of Improvement Trust, Bathinda to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of the concerned respondent PIO and be deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services

60 other Services

800-Other Receipts

86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

The matter was adjourned to 2.2.2023.

2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant, Sh. Gobind Kumar states that he has already pointed out deficiencies in the supplied information. He further pleads that the same may be got removed.
4. The respondent states that discrepancy letter is received yesterday and assures that same will be removed as per RTI application. He adds that penalty amounting Rs. 10,000/- has already been deposited as per the directions of the Commission vide order dated 17.11.2022. A copy of challan for the same is being sent to the Commission after hearing of the court.

5. He further requests that the appellant may be advised to visit office of the MC, Bathinda for inspecting the record so that pointed information be supplied to the appellant, for which the appellant agrees for a visit to the MC, Bathinda office on 14.2.2023 at 02:00 PM.
6. The respondent is also directed to be present on the fixed date at his office so that the appellant may not feel harassed.
7. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
8. To come up on **09.05.2023 at 11:00 AM for further proceedings in the Commission**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 2.2.2023**

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

**Note:** After the hearing was over, an email dated 02.02.2023 is received from the respondent comprising a copy of challan for penalty deposited amounting Rs. 10,000/- bearing receipt no. 4356290, which is seen and taken on record.

**Dated: 2.2.2023**

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