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Sh. Amarjit Singh Panch (M: 99159-20123)
S/o Sh. Harbans Singh &
Sh. Nishan Singh Panch (M: 98553-50682)
S/o Sh. Aala Singh Wasian,
Village Amir Khas, PO Amir Khas,
Tehsil Jalalabad West, District Fazilka. (Punjab)
PIN code: 152024

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Guruharsahai.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ferozepur.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 285 of 2023
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application dated 27.09.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 17.11.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 10.05.2023 at 11.00 a.m. i.e. today.
3. In today's hearing, both the parties are absent.
4. After going through the case file, it is observed that a notice of hearing which was issued to the appellant on 27.01.2023 is returned to the Commission vide diary no. 3391 dated 03.02.2023 with the remarks 'Village not with Amir Khas' but Amir Khas village is mentioned by the appellant in his address while filing instant appeal case in the commission. Returned notice is taken on record.
5. The absence of the respondent PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case in spite of registered post notice issued to him, which shows his irresponsible behaviour towards his duties as a public servant.
6. In view of above, an opportunity is given to both the parties to represent this case on the next date of hearing, failing which case will be decided on merits.
7. To come up on **10.08.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex Meetings Software**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties **through registered post**.

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Dated: 10.05.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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