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Sh. Manjinder Singh (98720-15069),
2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar, District Mohali (140301)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

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

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2926 of 2022
Through Cisco Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh
Respondent: absent

ORDER:

1. This case may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 31.05.2023.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that pending information (point no. 2 and 3) is still pending from the respondent PIO even after the directions of the Commission time and again.
3. Respondent PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission.
4. After examining the case file, it is observed that appellant filed RTI application on 09.03.2022 and for non-furnishing the information he filed First Appeal to the First Appellate Authority on 18.04.2022 and second appeal in the Commission on 21.06.2022.
5. Notice of hearing was issued and dispatched to the parties on 11.07.2022 by the Commission for hearing on 22.09.2022. It is observed that ample time has lapsed from filing the RTI application dated 09.03.2022 and appellant still struggling to collect the information of point no. 2 and 3 of the RTI application.
6. **On hearing held on 22.09.2022**, respondent PIO was directed to supply the pending information (point no. 2 and 3) within seven days and matter was adjourned for further hearing on 29.11.2022.
7. **On hearing held on 29.11.2022**, respondent PIO was absent and show cause notice was issued to him along with directions to supply the pending information (point no. 2 and 3) within ten days after receipt of that order and matter was adjourned for further hearing on 15.03.2023.
8. **On hearing held on 15.03.2023**, respondent PIO was absent and matter was adjourned for further hearing on 31.05.2023 with the directions to comply with the previous order of the Commission dated 22.09.2022.
9. **On hearing held on 31.05.2023**, respondent PIO was again absent and matter was adjourned for further hearing on 22.06.2023 with the directions to comply with the previous order of the Commission dated 22.09.2022 within seven days.

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10. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent PIO as it leads to wastage of precious time and resources of the Commission.
11. A call is made to the Secretary, RTA, Faridkot, Ms. Veerpal Kaur (M: 9988713653), PCS during the hearing and she intimates the Commission that she recently joined the Faridkot office and further requests for an adjournment to go through the matter to resolve the issue accordingly.
12. Respondent PIO is directed to appear along with relevant record on the next date of hearing at Commission positively so that case could be concluded.
13. Appellant is also directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing at Commission.
14. A copy of this order be sent to Ms. Veerpal Kaur (PCS), Secretary, RTA, Faridkot by name for her ready reference.
15. To come up on **24.07.2023 at 11:00 AM for further proceedings in the Commission.**
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 22.06.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Copy to :

(Regd. Post) **Ms. Veerpal Kaur (PCS),**
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.