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Shri Jagtar Singh,
S/o Shri Tarlochan Singh,(9501351755)
Kishan Nagar, P.O: Hariana,
District Hoshiarpur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Hariana,
Distt: Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Director,
Local Govt., Jalandhar.

....Respondents

AC No. 2937 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Jagtar Singh, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **None on behalf of PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 29.08.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Jagtar Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that no information has been supplied to him by the PIO.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Hariana, District Hoshiarpur has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing. The PIO has also not given any intimation to the Commission to this effect nor he has filed reply to the show cause notice.
4. The facts of the case prove beyond any doubt that the PIO/Respondent does not deserve any leniency. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, **a penalty to the tune of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) is imposed upon PIO,O/o Executive Officer,**

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Municipal Council, Haryana, District Hoshiarpur to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State under the relevant head. The Drawing & Disbursing Officer concerned is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs.5,000/- from the salary of the PIO and deposit the same in State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission before the next hearing:-

- 0070-Other Administrative Services – 60-Other Services-

-0800-Other Receipts- 86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005.

5. The PIO is also directed to supply requisite information to the appellant and file reply to the Show Cause Notice as also to produce evidence for having deposited the penalty in the State Treasury, before the next date of hearing. The PIO is further directed to ensure to come present before the Bench in person on the next date of hearing, failing which the Bench will be constrained to issue bailable warrant to the PIO to ensure his presence before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. The Bench observes that a letter from the FAA-cum-A.D.C. Urban Development, Jalandhar is available in the case file wherein it has been stated that the post of Regional Deputy Director, Local Government has been abolished and now, the post of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Urban Development in each district has been created and the Municipal Council, Haryana comes within the jurisdiction of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Urban Development, Hoshiarpur.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.11.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
29.08.2022**

**Sd/-
((Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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The Additional Deputy Commissioner, Urban Development, Hoshiarpur/F.A.A. He is directed to ensure that the Public Information Officer, Office of Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Haryana, District Hoshiarpur, complies with the directions of the Commission and puts in his appearance on the next hearing before the Commission.