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Public Information Officer O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar. Versus

.....Appellant

....Respondents

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

1. This case may be read with the reference to the order dated 02.03.2023 passed by this Bench on

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the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. Shri Gagan Bali, the appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex nor any intimation has been given by him in this regard.

3. During the previous hearing, bailable warrant was issued to the PIO for personal hearing inspite of that PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar has not come present for the hearing. A show cause notice and penalty of Rs. 5,000 has also been imposed upon the PIO but he has failed to comply with the directions of the Bench so far.

4. Post deliberations, the Bench takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as there is already lot of delay in supplying the information to the appellant. One more opportunity is granted to the PIO O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar to comply with the orders of the Bench passed during the previous hearing. He is directed to appear personally, before the Bench along with the reply to the show cause notice and proof of depositing the penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- into the Government Treasury. The appellant is also advised to appear personally before the Bench on the next date of hearing to pursue his case failing which the Bench may decide the case based on documents available on file.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 13.07.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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

Chandigarh 09.05.2023