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Respondent

Sh. Ranjit Singh(8360440663)

s/o Sh. Jarnail Singh Vill. Sharian Bet, PO Machhiwara Sahib, Tehsil Samrala. Distt. Ludhiana

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,

Ludhiana Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

Dated: 8.12.2022

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana

Appeal Case No.: 3002 of 2022 Hearing through CISCO Webex

Appellant: Sh. Ranjeet Singh

Respondent: Absent

Present: ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.09.2022.

- 2. In today's hearing the appellant is present but nobody appears on behalf of the respondent department.
- 3. The appellant states that nothing has been received till date since previous orders dated 21.9.2022 as the corrected RC was demanded vide his RTI application.
- 4. In view of the foregoing, <u>respondent PIO, O/o Secy, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana is directed to show cause</u> in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

- 8. Final opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO to comply with the previous order of the Commission dated 21.09.2022 within ten days after receipt of this order.
- With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on 24.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application. Copy of the order be sent to the parties. (Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

(Anumit Singh Sodhi) State Information Commissioner Punjab