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Sh. Hardeep Singh (9464116767)
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Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer
O/o Department of Technical Education Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Department of Technical Education Punjab,
Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3007 of 2022
Through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant-Sh. Hardeep Singh
Respondent: None

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.12.2022 vide which respondent was absent. The Commission while taking serious note of absence of the respondent issued show cause notice to the respondent. The matter was adjourned to 29.03.2023.
2. In today's hearing the appellant states that the information has not been supplied to him.
3. From the material on record, it transpires that there has been unnecessary delay in conveying the correct State of affairs to the appellant in respect to his request for information. No explanation for delay has been given by him. Rather, his failure to even respond to the directions issued to him by the Commission reinforces the fact that he has been without any reasonable cause guilty of remissness in the discharge of his duties, therefore, deserves to be penalized.
4. In view of the defying attitude of the **concerned respondent PIO, Department of technical Education Punjab, Chandigarh** for not supplying information within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the court comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the **imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) upon the concerned respondent PIO**. However, taking a lenient view, I impose a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rs. Ten thousand only) on the respondent PIO. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of Department of Technical Education Punjab, Chandigarh is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of the concerned respondent PIO and be deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services
60 other Services
800-Other Receipts
86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

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5. Respondent PIO is directed to supply a fresh reply as per RTI application to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. He is also directed to submit a reply to the show cause notice which was issued to him by the Commission vide order dated 13.12.2022 by the next date of hearing positively.
6. Both the parties are directed to appear in person along with relevant documents in this instant appeal case, failing which case will be decided on merit basis.
7. To come up on **25.05.2023 at 11:00 AM for further proceedings in the Commission**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 29.3.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Note: Respondent Sh. Harpreet Singh (SA, M: 9814843125) was sitting outside the court room in the Commission but inadvertently, he was not called to represent this case. Therefore, Penalty amounting Rs. 5,000/- which was imposed on respondent PIO is withdrawn accordingly. Rest of the directions remained same.

Respondent, Sh. Harpreet Singh states that similar information in appeal case No.3643 of 2020 had already been supplied to the appellant.

Date: 29.3.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab