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Sh. Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)

2469, Sunny Enclave,

Sector 125, Kharar, District Mohali (140301)

Appellant

Versus

SHOW CAUSE:

Public Information Officer
(Regd. Post) O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3016 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh

Respondent: Sh. Tirath Singh, Junior Assistant (94647-45370)

ORDER

1. This case may be read to the reference to the previous order dated 10.05.2023.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant states that the inspection could not take place on the fixed date and time (17.05.2023 at 11:30 AM). He further adds that he has sent an email dated 29.05.2023 in this regard, which is received by the undersigned Bench and taken on record.
3. On this, JA, Sh. Tirath Singh requests for an adjournment and further assures that he will look into this matter and make sure the inspection will take place this time.
4. After going through the case file, it is observed that the respondent PIO is wasting the time of court as well as of the appellant from more than a year, as he is not complying even orders of the Commission passed on 21.03.2023 and 10.05.2023.
5. In view of above, **respondent PIO O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala is directed to show cause** 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.

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6. The appellant is advised to visit the respondent's office for inspection of the official record on **04.07.2023 at 11.00 AM**. The respondent PIO is directed to be present on the fixed date and time and show the record to the appellant along with directions to supply the identified information after inspection within seven days under intimation to the Commission. The PIO is also directed to submit the reply to the show cause which is issued to the PIO today in the above said order.
7. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
8. To come up on **13.09.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Date: 15.06.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab