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Appellant

Sh. Tara Singh (9877230616)

S/o late Sh. Bhagwan Singh,
R/o H.No.908, Phae-9,
Mohali 160062

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o G.M.Pb. Roadways,
Roopnagar

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, State Transport Pb,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3050 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Sh. Gurpreet Singh on behalf of the appellant (at PSIC Office).

(ii) Respondent: Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Clerk(9855702437

Sh. Navtej Singh, Supdt(9417913039)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.11.2022 vide which concerned respondent PIO was directed to comply with the previous order of the Commission dated 13.10.2022 within ten days from that day under intimation to the Commission. Respondent PIO was also directed to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively to clear the facts of this case. The case adjourned to 8.12.2022.
2. In today's hearing, representative of the appellant states that affidavit (point no. 2 and 8) and reply (point no. 7) is still pending even after the directions of the Hon'ble Commission.
3. The representatives of the department state that affidavit in connection with point Nos.2 & 8 is ready with them, which can be collected by the appellant from the respondent's office.
4. The court while hearing both the parties directs the PIO that affidavit in original along with reply to point no. 7, be provided to the appellant within 7 days by registered post under intimation to the Commission.
5. After examining the case file, it is observed that the instant case is lingering on from previous two hearings held on 13.10.2022 and 10.11.2022 with the same orders passed by the Commission but till today, not complied by the respondent PIO.
6. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o G.M. Punjab Roadways, Roopnagar 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.

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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.

7. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **11.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Date: 8.12.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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