



Sh. Manjinder Singh (9872015069)

Appellant

2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar,
Distt. Mohali.

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)

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

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority.,
Hoshiarpur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3103 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh
(ii) For the respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.10.2022.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present but nobody appears on behalf of the respondent.
3. The appellant states that two years are on, but the information is yet to be received.
4. Respondent PIO is absent in spite of registered order issued to him by the Commission, the court viewed his absence seriously
5. In view of the foregoing, respondent PIO, O/o Secy. RTA, Hoshiarpur 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. Respondent, Sh. Surinder Bhandari is directed to supply the information to the appellant within 15 days positively from the receipt of this order along with reply to show cause notice, failing which penalty will be imposed on the concerned respondent PIO.
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. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **21.03.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Dated: 19.01.2023

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**