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Sh. Gurdev Chand (62394613920),

S/o Sh. Chanan Ram,
R/o Rori Road, Talwandi Saboo,
District Bathinda.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Talwandi Saboo

First Appellate Authority

O/o ADC (UD), Bathinda.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3146 of 2022

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant: Advocate, Sh. Varun Bansal on behalf of the appellant.

Respondent: absent.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.09.2022 and matter was adjourned for 30.11.2022, which was postponed and fixed for today i.e. 14.03.2023.
2. In today's hearing, representative of the appellant states that deficiencies were sent to the respondent as per previous order dated 28.09.2022 but till date nothing is heard from the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent PIO is absent second time without intimation to the Commission in spite of registered post notice and order issued to him by the Commission.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, Sh. Deepak Setia, O/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Talwandi Saboo 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.

5. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **27.04.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 14.03.2023

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

Show-Cause

(Regd. Post) **Sh. Deepak Setia (PIO-cum-EO)**
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Talwandi Saboo

Encl. RTI application

Note: After the hearing was over, Sh. Deepak Setia (EO) appeared and he was apprised with today's proceedings.

Dated: 14.03.2023

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