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S/o Sh. Harmesh Lal, VPO Chandpur Rurki Kalan, Tehsil Balachaur, Distt. SBS Nagar 144524.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Panchavat Secv. Gram Panchavat Chandpur Rurki Kalan, Block Saroya.

First Appellate Authority

O/o DDPO, SBS Nagar

Respondent

Appellant

Appeal Case No.: 318 of 2023 Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Narvinder Singh at PSIC Office.

Respondent: Absent

ORDER

Date: 16.05.2023

- 1. The RTI application dated 23.7.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 11.10.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 3.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for 16.5.2023 at 11.00 a.m. through CISCO WEBEX application.
- 2. In today's hearing the appellant is present and states that he has received nothing as per RTI application since sufficient time has elapsed. He further pleads for suitable direction so that he may get the information.
- 3. Respondent PIO is absent in spite of registered post notice issued to him by the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case. In pursuance of this, the PIO is directed to file a written submission in response to the Notice of the Commission and should present this case personally (through cisco webex) on the next date of hearing so that case could be concluded.
- 4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, today's the first hearing, accordingly one opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO to supply the point-wise information to the appellant within ten days after receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.
- 5. The appellant is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, on receipt of reply/information from the respondent under intimation to the Commission, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Both the parties are directed to come up on 20.07.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties. (Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

(Anumit Singh Sodhi) State Information Commissioner Punjab