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Shri Bhupinder Singh Secretary.

Village & Post Office Bahmna, Tehsil Samana, District Patiala. (99151 02773)

Versus

...Appellant

Public Information Officer. (BY NAME)

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Samana, District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority. (BY NAME)

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,

Patiala.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5454 OF 2022 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

PRESENT: Shri Bhupinder Singh Secretary, Appellant,

None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 11.08.2022 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 19.09.2022 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on

10.11.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act) and

Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 31.05.2023.

2. The PIO is absent. However, a letter has been received by the Bench mentioning therein that

requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant and he has acknowledged

the same in writing.

3. The Appellant states that incomplete information has been provided to him.

4. The perusal of the case reveals that neither complete information has been provided to the

appellant nor PIO has pursue this case personally or through his representative, even after

the lapse of the 9 months period.

5. In view of the above, a SHOW CAUSE NOTICE under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act is issued

to the B.D.P.O. - cum - PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Samana,

District Patiala to explain as to why penalty should not be imposed upon him for willful

delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be

not awarded to the appellant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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- 6. The PIO is directed to file reply to the Show Cause Notice and provide the remaining information to the appellant and should appear personally through CISCO Webex, on the next date fixed, <u>failing which penalty will be imposed upon him as per provisions of the RTI Act.</u> 2005.
- 7. The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Patiala is also directed to ensure compliance of the order from the concerned PIO, before the next date of hearing.
- 8. The matter is adjourned to 03.07.2023 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645. Both the parties are directed to come to attend the hearing accordingly. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh 31.05.2023 Sd/(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab