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Shri Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur,
Jhabewal, P.O:Ramgarh, Distt:Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o E.O,
Nagar Council, Samrala,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o E.O,
Nagar Council, Samrala,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No. 341 of 2023

**Present: i) Appellant - Absent
ii) Respondent - Absent**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 26.09.2022 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 07.11.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today. Both the parties are absent.
3. The appellant vide email has informed that the PIO has not supplied the information.
4. There is nothing on record which shows that the RTI application has been attended to within the time prescribed under the RTI Act and there has been an enormous delay of more than five months in providing the information as well as the respondent is absent without any intimation to the Commission. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO-O/o Commissioner, MC Ludhiana to show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time. He/she should file an affidavit in this regard. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such person(s) of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.
5. The PIO is again directed to provide complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.
6. The case is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 16.05.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
13.03.2023**

Sd/-
**(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**