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**Sh. Rajinder Kumar**

S/o Meher Chand, Ward No. 02, Supreme Enclave,  
Near Vishvkarma Bhawan,  
Link Road, Mansa (M: 9646380671).

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Mansa.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Deputy Director,  
Local Govt., Bathinda.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 3540 of 2020**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Appellant: Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg  
Respondent: Absent

**ORDER:**

1. The above mentioned case which was earlier heard on 01.08.2022 and fixed for further hearing on 01.09.2022, which was postponed to 27.10.2022, was further postponed to 22.12.2022. Hearing fixed for 22.12.2022 was also postponed to 13.04.2023 and notice of hearing for this case was inadvertently sent to Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg instead of Sh. Rajinder Kumar.
2. In today's hearing, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg is present and it is observed that this case relates to Sh. Rajinder Kumar instead of Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg as per the case file. Accordingly, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg is exempted in this case. A copy of this order be sent to Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg for his ready reference.
3. Respondent PIO is absent in spite of registered post order/notices issued to him by the Commission but he did not bother to represent this case.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, Sh. Vipin Kumar O/o EO. Nagar Council, Mansa 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. Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar is also advised to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively, failing which case will be decided on merit basis.

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6. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **05.07.2023 at 11:00 A.M.** through CISCO WEBEX. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Dated: 13.04.2023**

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

**Show-Cause**

**Sh. Vipin Kumar (EO-cum-PIO)**  
O/o Nagar Council, Mansa  
Encl. RTI application

**Copy to:-**

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