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Appellant

Sh. Manjinder Singh(9872015069)

2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector 125, Kharar, Distt. Mohali 143301.

Public Information Officer

(Regd. Post) O/o Secy. Regional Transport Authority,

Faridkot

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

(Regd. Post) O/o Secy. Regional Transport Authority,

Faridkot Respondent

Appeal Case No.:3545 of 2022 Through CISCO WEBEX

Versus

Present: Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh

Respondent: Absent.

ORDER

 This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.03.2023 vide which penalty amounting Rs. 10,000/- was imposed on the concerned respondent PIO. Matter was adjourned to 2.4.2023.

- 2. In today's hearing, appellant is present but nobody appears on behalf of the respondent continuously 3rd time.
- 3. The appellant states that the respondent department has neither complied with the orders of the Hon'ble Commission nor appeared for today's hearing. He further adds that suitable direction be given so that he may get information.
- 4. After hearing the appellant in detail and examining the case file, it is observed that no communication is received from the respondent PIO after the hearings held on 03.11.2022, 25.01.2023 and 01.03.2023 even after the ample time has elapsed. Show cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO vide order dated 25.01.2023 but Commission/undersigned Bench has not received reply till date.

A final opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO for providing information as per RTI application, for replying show cause notice issued to him (vide order dated 25.01.2023) and for depositing the penalty amounting Rs.10,000/- (as per directions of the Commission vide order 01.03.2023), within twenty days after receipt of this order along with directions to appear in person on the next date of hearing at Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh, failing which penalty will be increased. A copy of this order be sent to the respondent PIO along with RTI application through registered post for his ready reference.

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- 5. A copy of this order be sent to the First appellate Authority through registered post for the compliance of this order on priority basis.
- 6. Appellant is on liberty either to attend hearing in the Commission or through CISCO webex (Meeting number 1582933632).
- 7. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on <u>05.07.2023</u> at <u>11:00 A.M.</u> at <u>Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh</u>. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 03.04.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi) State Information Commissioner Punjab