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Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate(9041004313)

Civil Court Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur-144410.

Appellant

Versus

Show Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)

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

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3645 of 2022
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant: Sh. Tejinder Singh
Respondent: absent.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.11.2022 vide which respondent PIO was absent but an email dated 13.09.2022 was received stating therein that information was sent to the appellant vide letter no. 1214 dated 07.06.2022 but appellant expressed his dissatisfaction. Accordingly, respondent PIO was directed to furnish point-wise requisite information within ten days after receipt of that order and matter was adjourned to 2.2.2023.
2. In today's hearing, appellant is present and states that nothing has been supplied to him after the previous hearing held on 15.11.2022.
3. Respondent PIO is absent consequently second time in spite of registered notices/orders issued to him by the Commission, which means he has causal approach towards the directions of the Commission.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot 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. To come up on **09.05.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Dated: 2.2.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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