



Sh. Mohinder Singh(9317777799)

s/o Sh. Beant Singh,
R/o Bazakhana Road,
Bhagta Bhai Ka, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Show –Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)
(Regd. Post) O/o Naib Tehsildar, Bhagta Bhaika,
Distt. Bathinda

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

O/o SDM, Rampura Phul,
Distt. Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3726 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Mohinder Singh
Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.12.2022 vide which respondent PIO was absent. A final opportunity was awarded to the respondent PIO to represent this case along with directions to supply the information within ten days after receipt of that order. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 02.03.2023 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that he is not satisfied with the supplied reply.
3. Respondent PIO is consecutively absent second time without any intimation to the Commission.
4. In view of the foregoing, respondent PIO, O/o SDM, Bhikhiwind 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.

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5. With the above directions, the matter is adjourned for further hearing on **03.04.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Dated: 02.03.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab