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Shri Bawa Bhulinder Singh, S/o Shri Dalip Singh,  
R/o Gali No.2, Mata Ganga Ji Nagar,  
Near Gurudwara Khoo Bhai Manj Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o MC,  
Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Commissioner,  
MC, Amritsar.

....Respondents

**AC No. 373 of 2023**

**Present: i)                      Appellant - Absent**  
**ii)                      None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

1.                      This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.03.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2.                      The case has been heard today. Both the parties are absent.
3.                      The PIO is absent for the second consecutive hearing nor is represented and has not filed reply to the show cause notice issued during the previous hearing on 21.03.2023. As per information, the information relates to PIO, Property Tax Branch (Central) O/o MC Amritsar and PIO in this case is Shri Harbans Lal, Superintendent O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.
4.                      Keeping the above-mentioned facts of the case, it is clear that the Superintendent-cum-PIO, Property Tax Branch (Central) O/o MC Amritsar is flouting the spirit of the RTI Act repeatedly. The PIO has not only shown utter disregard for the Commission's repeated orders to provide the information but has shown willful stubbornness in not appearing before the commission despite various orders of the Commission.  
  
To secure an erring PIO's presence before the Commission, the Information Commission is empowered to issue warrants to the PIO under Section 18(3) of the RTI Act. A bailable Warrant for Shri Harbans Lal, Superintendent-cum-PIO, Property Tax Branch (Central) O/o MC Amritsar is hereby issued through Commissioner of Police, Amritsar for his presence before the Commission on **19.07.2023**.
5.                      The PIO is directed to send point-wise information/reply to the appellant before the next date of hearing. The PIO is further directed to come present in person before the Bench to attend the next hearing.
6.                      With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 19.07.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**29.05.2023**

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

**CC to Shri Harbans Lal, Superintendent-cum-PIO,**  
**Property Tax Branch(Central), O/o MC Amritsar.**