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**Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan (8509580002)**

H.No.78/8, Park Road,  
Navi Mandi, Dhuri,  
Distt. Sangrur.

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o District Transport Officer, Amritsar

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o District Transport Officer, Amritsar

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 3736 of 2022**

**Hearing through CISCO Webex**

**Present:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Sh. Davinder, Data Entry Operator

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.11.2022 vide which respondent PIO was absent and matter was adjourned for further hearing on 22.12.2022, which was postponed and fixed for 19.4.2023.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is not present but a letter dated 28.03.2023 is received by the Commission vide diary no. 8013 dated 28.03.2023 stating therein that he is unable to attend hearing as he is out of country due to treatment/checkup. In that letter he also mentioned he has not received information yet. This letter is taken on record.
3. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, Sh. Narinder Kumar, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar 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.

4. Respondent PIO is also directed to supply the point-wise reply/information to the appellant within ten days after receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.

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5. Appellant is advised to go through the information, once he had received and point out ambiguity within seven days in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
6. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **31.08.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission Office, Chandigarh**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 19.04.2023**

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

**Show-Cause**

**(Regd. Post)** Sh. Narinder Kumar (PIO)  
O/o District Transport Officer, Amritsar

Encl. RTI application