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Sh. Jasvir Singh(Reporter)(9803637036)
Guru Nankpura Mohalla,
Near Vishwas Mandir,
Rampura Phul, Distt. Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**
O/o EO, MC, Maur Mandi,
Distt. Bathinda

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (UD), Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3802 of 2022
Through CISCO WEBEX

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

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.11.2022 and matter was adjourned to 8.2.2023, which was further postponed to 24.5.2023.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant is present but nobody appears on behalf of the respondent consecutively 2nd time in spite of registered orders.
3. The appellant pleads that suitable directions be issued to the respondent department so that he may get the information.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o EO, MC, Maur Mandi, District Bathinda 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. Respondent PIO is directed to deal this case on priority basis without further delay as he is already not complying notice/order of the Commission and directions of the First Appellate Authority vide letter no. 666 dated 20.03.2023 to represent this case today, which is received in the Commission vide diary no. 8151 dated 29.03.2023 and taken on record.

6. Respondent PIO is directed to supply information within ten days after receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.
7. Appellant is advised to go through the information on its receipt and point out discrepancy 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.
8. A copy of this order be sent to the First Appellate Authority is directed to look into the matter and make sure for the compliance of this order.
15. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **19.07.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
(Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

Date: 24.05.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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