

**PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**

Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Ph: 0172-2864113, Helpline No. 0172-2864100

Email: [psic22@punjabmail.gov.in](mailto:psic22@punjabmail.gov.in)

Visit us: [www.infocommpunjab.com](http://www.infocommpunjab.com)



**Sh. Makhan Singh (98551-64101)**

S/o SH. Gobinder Singh,  
R/o W. No. 17, Budhlada,  
District Mansa (151502)

Appellant

**Versus**

**SHOW CAUSE:-**

**Public Information Officer,**  
(Regd. Post) O/o Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Budhlada, District Mansa

**Encl. RTI application**

**First Appellate Authority,**  
(Regd. Post) O/o ADC (UD),  
Mansa.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 3951 of 2022**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Appellant: Sh. Makhan Singh.  
(ii) Respondent: Absent

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.12.2022.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. On the other hand, the respondent PIO is absent second time without any intimation to the Commission. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as despite of giving an opportunity to the PIO concerned on the last hearing but still nobody appears from the department today to represent this case.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o The EO, Nagar Council, Budhlada, Distt. Mansa is directed to Show Cause** in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty should not be imposed upon him for wilful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant 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 (through cisco webex) 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. The PIO is directed to clarify the facts of this case.

5. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority i.e. The ADC (UD), Mansa through registered post for the compliance of this order and to look into the matter as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, not for the harassment of the public.
6. Respondent PIO is directed to comply with the previous order of the Commission dated 20.12.2022 within ten days after receipt of this order, without wasting further time.
7. This case is adjourned and both the parties are directed to come up on **18.07.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex**. 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.

**Dated: 11.04.2023**

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