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Sh. Gurmej Lal (9781672776)

Whistle Blower,

NCAG, Street No.5, # 1331-5,

Vishwawarma Bhawan, Down Canal Road,

Simplapuri, Ludhiana-141003.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

(Regd. Post)

O/o EO, Nagar Council, Budhlada,

Distt. Mansa.

Encl. RTI Application

First Appellate Authority

O/o EO, Nagar Council, Budhlada,

Distt. Mansa

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3991 of 2022

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

(i) Appellant: Shri Gurmej Lal.

(ii) For the respondent: None

Order:

1. The RTI application is dated 01.06.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 02.07.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.08.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 20.12.2022 i.e. today
2. In today's hearing, the appellant states that information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. None is present from the department in spite of registered post notice issued to him. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case. In pursuance of this, the PIO is directed to appear in person (through cisco webex) on the next date of hearing to clear the facts of this case.
4. Respondent PIO is directed to supply the point-wise reply/information to the appellant within ten days from the receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission, failing which stern action will be initiated against PIO. A copy RTI application is sent to the PIO concerned along with this order through registered post.
5. Appellant is also advised to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively so that case could be concluded.
6. With the aforesaid directions, this case is adjourned. To come up on **12.04.2023 at 11:00 A.M.** through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing 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.

Dated: 20.12.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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