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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**

O/o EO, Nagar Council, Barnala

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o EO, Nagar Council, Barnala

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 4012 of 2022**  
**Hearing through CISCO Webex**

**Present:** (i) appellant : Sh. Gurmej Lal  
(ii) For the respondent: Absent

**ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 1.6.2022 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 2.7.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.8.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 21.12.2022 i.e. today
3. In today's hearing, the appellant is present and states that sufficient time has elapsed he has not received information from the respondent department till date.
4. Respondent PIO is absent without intimation to the Commission. 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 file a written submission in response to the Notice of the Commission and should present this case personally (through cisco webex), on the next date of hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow.
5. One more opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to represent the case on the next date of hearing with the directions to supply the sought for information as per RTI application to the appellant within 10 days after receipt of this order.
6. To come up on **28.02.2023 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: 21.12.2022**

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