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**Sh. GurmejLal(9781672776)**

Whistle Blower,  
NCAG, Street No.5, # 1331-5,  
VishwawarmaBhawan, Down Canal Road,  
Simlapuri, Ludhiana-141003.

Appellant

Versus

**Show-Cause**

**Public Information Officer**

**(Regd. Post)** O/o EO, Nagar Council, Barnala

Encl. RTI application

**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. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.02.2023.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present and states that incomplete information has been supplied to him.
3. Nobody appears on behalf of the respondent continuously 3<sup>rd</sup> time even after issuing notice and orders through registered post by the Commission, which means he respondent PIO is not serious towards the directions of the Commission.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o EO, Nagar Council, Barnala 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.

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5. Respondent PIO is directed to deal this case on priority basis and supply the complete requisite information within ten days after receipt of this order.
6. To come up on **13.06.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.  
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**Dated: 25.04.2023**

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