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**Varun Malhotra,**  
# 3601/2, Sirhandi Bazar,  
Patiala.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o District Revenue Officer,  
Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
Deputy Commissioner,  
Patiala.

## **Appeal Case No. 4031 of 2022**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 6.12.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **27.8.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Letter Dated 6.6.2019, DRO, Diary No. 3173, Director Local Govt. to Revenue Department Dated 13.8.2022**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.5.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **31.8.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **6.12.2022**.

2. Both parties are absent without intimation. At the last hearing on 6.12.2022, the respondent PIO, office of DRO, Patiala, was issued a Show Cause Notice to which he has neither made any written submission nor availed the opportunity to be heard in person. The PIO was further directed to be present in person at today's hearing along with a pointwise reply to the RTI application and the requested information by way of the action taken on the letter given to the DRO Office vide Letter No. 2990 Dated 13.8.2022. He was duly cautioned that any failure to comply, will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through **Bailable Warrant**.

3. The PIO-cum-DRO Sh. Navdeep Singh appeared before this Bench on 13.1.2023 accompanied by Hamir Singh, APIO-cum-Superintendent. He was directed to comply with the Commission's Order of 6.12.2023 and be present in person along with the original records pertaining to the matter cited in the RTI application, at the next hearing.

4. **Next hearing on 23.2.2023 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh  
10.1.2023