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**Shri Jasbir Singh,**

Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur Jhabewal,  
PO Ramgarh, District Ludhiana. (Pin : 141123)

Appellant

Versus

**Show-Cause**

**Public Information Officer**

**(Regd. Post)**

O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Bathinda

Encl. RTI application.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Bathinda

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 4096 of 2022**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Appellant - Sh. Jasbir Singh  
Respondent: Absent

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.4.2023 vide which respondent PIO was directed to supply the information point wise to the appellant within seven days without further delay under intimation to the Commission. The matter was further adjourned to 6.6.2023
2. In today's hearing, appellant is present and states that information is still pending.
3. Respondent PIO is absent in spite of registered post order issued to him by the Commission. He also failed to comply with the previous order of the Commission dated 12.04.2023, which affects disposal of the case.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Bathinda 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. Accordingly, a final opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO to supply the requisite information as per RTI application to the appellant within ten days after receipt of this order without further delay.
6. Appellant is advised to go through the information, once he had received and point out ambiguity within seven days in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned for further hearing on **30.08.2023** at **11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.  
(Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

**Date: 6.6.2023**

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