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(Regd. Post) **Shri Manik Goyal, (M:8146000420)**
H. No. 21, Sharma Street, Near Nirankari Bhawan,
Link Road, Mansa(151505)

Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Mansa.

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority**
O/o The ADC (UD),
Ground Floor, District Court Complex, Mansa.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4151 of 2022
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant - Sh. Manik Goyal
Respondent: absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.4.2023 vide which penalty amounting Rs. 5,000/- was imposed on the respondent PIO, Sh. Vipin Kumar (EO). Matter was adjourned to 7.6.2023.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that he has not received the information till date in spite of directions time and again.
4. Respondent PIO, Sh. Vipin Kumar (EO) is absent in spite of registered post order sent to him by the Commission passed in the instant appeal case on 12.04.2023, which shows his irresponsible behaviour towards his duties as public servant, which is not acceptable.
5. It is also observed that an email dated 17.05.2023 is received from First Appellate Authority from email ID adc.ud.mansa@punjab.gov.in through which he directed the PIO-cum-EO, Nagar Council, Mansa for the compliance of order dated 12.04.2023 along with directions to attend today's hearing,
6. No communication for exemption or information is received from the respondent PIO after the previous hearing held on 12.04.2023, as he did not paid any heed towards the orders of the Commission. He did not bother to appear once even after issuing show cause or imposing penalty. As per the case file, neither challan is received by the Commission nor did intimation regarding information supply, which means PIO is failed to perform his duties.
7. **In view of forgoing, penalty amounting Rs. 5,000/-which was imposed on the concerned respondent PIO, Sh. Vipin Kumar vide order dated 12.04.2023 is enhanced from Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 10,000/**
8. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of ADC (UD), Ground Floor, District Court Complex, Mansa is directed to **deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of the respondent PIO, Sh. Vipin Kumar (EO)** and be deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services
60 other Services
800-Other Receipts
86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

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9. A copy of this order be sent to the First Appellate Authority i.e. ADC (UD), Ground Floor, District Court Complex, Mansa through registered post to look into the matter as EO, NC, Mansa office showing irresponsible attitude towards the cases fixed by the Commission from so long and make sure concerned respondent PIO may appear on net date of hearing along with official record relates with this instant appeal case and other cases fixed for the same date.
10. A copy of this order be sent to Sh. Vipin Kumar (CO-cum-PIO) by name through registered post for his ready reference.
11. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned for further hearing on **05.07.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Date: 7.6.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Note: After the hearing was over, Sh. Jatinder (JE) (7888985707) along with Sh. Sukhpal Clerk (9646352900) appeared and state that they were at High Court, so reached late here. They were apprised with today's proceedings.

Date: 7.6.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Copy to

Regd. Post **Sh. Vipin Kumar (EO-cum-PIO)**
 O/o MC, Mansa