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Shri Sulakshan Sharma, (M: 88724-36540),

S/o Shri Sudarshan Sharma,

E K 112, Shivrajgarh,

Jalandhar.

Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer

(Regd. Post)

O/o The Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar

Encl. RTI application

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority

O/o The Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4172 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

Appellant: Shri Sulakshan Sharma

Respondent: None.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.12.2022 where the respondent was absent. An inspection was ordered to be fixed within 15 days from the receipt of the order. The matter was adjourned to 29.3.2023.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present but nobody appears on behalf of the respondent consequently 2nd time, which is viewed seriously as it also affects the disposal of the case.
3. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar 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.

4. Respondent PIO is also directed to coordinate with the appellant and call him for inspection of the official record as per RTI application. He is also directed to supply the identified pages as per RTI application to the appellant on his visit, so that case could be concluded on the next date of hearing positively.

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5. Appellant is also advised to represent this case on the next date of hearing, failing which case will be decided on merit basis.
6. To come up on **25.05.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Date: 29.03.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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