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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Jaspal Singh Maan (8699994733)** Appellant
S/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh,
H. No. 152, Village Sehna Kehra,
Tehsil Malout, Sri Muktsar Sahib (152114)
Versus

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Bathinda.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority**
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Bathinda.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4176 of 2022
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant: Sh. Jaspal Singh Mann.
Respondent: None.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 29.03.2023.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant is not audible during the hearing. A telephonic message is received by the undersigned bench vide which the appellant states that no information has been supplied to him and he has sent an email dated 25.05.2023, which is received and taken on record.
3. The respondent PIO is not present but an email dated 27.03.2023 from rtb.bathinda@punjab.gov.in is received by the undersigned Bench stating therein that he has assigned duty as PIO vide letter no. 3736/RTA/Bathinda dated 06.03.2023 and he has not received record in connection with RTIs till date. In that email he requests for an adjournment. The email is taken on record.
4. After going through the case file, I am of the view that the concerned PIO's i.e. PIO O/o DC, Bathinda and PIO O/o Secretary, RTA, Bathinda be appear in person along with relevant record as ample time has elapsed and appellant still waiting for the requisite information to be supplied after filing RTI application on 02.07.2022. It is also observed that no communication is received from the respondent PIO regarding today's exemption, which indeed a serious matter.

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5. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority i.e. The Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda through registered post for the compliance of this order and to look into the matter as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability of every public authority, not for the harassment of the public.
6. This case is adjourned and both the parties are directed to come up **on 05.07.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties **through registered post.**

Dated: 25.05.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab