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**Sh. Ranbir Singh (98146-20143),**

S/o Sh. Subhash Singh,

R/o Village Madopur,

Tehsil and District Pathankot.(145024)

Appellant

Versus

**Show-Cause**

**Public Information Officer**

**(Regd. Post)**

O/o Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority,

Jalandhar.

Encl. RTI application

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o State Transport Commissioner,

Punjab, Chandigarh.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 4242 of 2021**

**Through CISCO WEBEX**

Present: Appellant: Sh. Ranbir Singh

Respondent: Absent

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.03.2023.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present but nobody appears on behalf of the respondent department continuously 2<sup>nd</sup> time.
3. The appellant states that he has visited office of the respondent twice but they are not giving him the information. He further pleads that suitable direction be issued so that he may get the sought for information since sufficient time has elapsed.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, 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.

5. Respondent PIO is directed to supply the sought for information within 7 days from the receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission without further delay.
6. The appellant is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, on receipt of the information within 7 days to the respondent PIO with a cop to the Commission, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.

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7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is **adjourned for further hearing on 22.6.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.  
(Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

**Date: 16.05.2023**

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