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Shri Bharat Bhushan,

S/o Shri Manmohan Rai, H. No. 2545/2, Improvement Trust Chowk, Opp. Pakki Gali, Near Mehra Goods Transport, Mahan Singh Gate, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 425 of 2023

Versus

Present: i) Shri Bharat Bhushan - Appellant - in person

ii) None for the Respondent

ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 09.03.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. As per appellant, he has not been provided any information so far.
- 3. The respondent is absent for the second consecutive hearing nor is represented and not filed reply to the show cause notice issued during the previous hearing on 09.03.2023 for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act. As per record, the information relates to PIO-Municipal Town Planner (MTP) O/o MC Amritsar.
- 4. In the interest of justice, one more opportunity is given to the PIO-MTP O/o MC Amritsar with the direction to file reply to the show cause notice issued on 09.03.2023 otherwise it will be presumed that the PIO has nothing to say on the matter and the Commission will initiate penal proceedings against the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act. The PIO is also directed to comply with the earlier order of the Commission which stands and provide action taken report on the complaint of the appellant dated 20.09.2022 alongwith relevant noting/correspondence. Both the parties are directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next date of hearing.
- 5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 17.07.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Sd

Chandigarh 16.05.2023

(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd)) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

CC to Public Information Officer-cum-Municipal Town Planner, O/o Commissioner, MC Amritsar.