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Appellant

Sh. Manjinder Singh(9872015069)

2469, Sunny Enclave,

Sector 125, Kharar,

Distt. Mohali 140301.

Versus

SHOW CAUSE:-

Public Information Officer

(Regd. Post) O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4361 of 2022

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh
Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This case may be read to the reference of the previous order dated 04.01.2023.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant states that no information has been supplied to him and adds that an email dated 05.01.2023. The email is taken on record.
3. On the other hand, the respondent PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as despite of giving an opportunity to the PIO concerned on the last hearing but still information is not supplied to the appellant till date.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o The Secretary, RTA, Bathinda is directed to Show Cause** in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty should not be imposed upon him for wilful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant 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 (through cisco webex) 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. The PIO is directed to clarify the facts of this case.

5. The PIO is directed to go through the RTI application of the appellant and supply the information to the appellant as per RTI Act, 2005.
6. This case is adjourned and both the parties are directed to come up on **20.06.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 20.04.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab