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Shri Sohan Lal Sharma, (98144 01531)

Retd. Asst Engineer,

House No. 677,

MIG Phase - I, Urban Estate, Patiala.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director,

Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab,

Sector 62, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,

Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab,

Sector 62, Mohali.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4424 OF 2022 **(CISCO WEBEX Proceedings)**

PRESENT: Shri Sohan Lal Sharma, Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER (FIRST HEARING):

1. The RTI application is dated 04.07.2022 vide which the Appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 04.08.2022 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.09.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act) and Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 21.02.2023.
2. The Appellant states that information sought has not been provided to him and inspite of the Notice/Orders of the Commission, the PIO is absent for today's hearing. This shows his disregard to the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously as it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case.
3. **LAST OPPORTUNITY** is given to the PIO to provide the requisite information/reply to the appellant, before the next date of hearing and should appear personally through Cisco Webex, on the next date of hearing, failing which **strict action** will be initiated against him/her.
4. The matter is adjourned to **11.04.2023 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645**. Both the parties are directed to come to attend the hearing accordingly. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
21.02.2023

Sd/-
(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab