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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Rajinder Kumar (9646380671)**
S/o Sh. Mehar Chand,
R/o Ward No. 02, Supreme Enclave,
Near Vishwkarma Bhawan, Link Road, Mansa (151505)

Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**
O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Mansa

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority**
O/o ADC (UD), Mansa.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.:4465 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Rajinder Kumar.
Respondent: Sh. Sukhpal Singh, Clerk (9646352900)

ORDER

1. This order may be read to the reference of the previous order dated 05.04.2023.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states no information has been supplied to him till yet.
3. The respondent, Sh. Sukhpal Singh states that the information will be supplied to the appellant soon.
4. Perusal of the case file shows that, respondent PIO, Sh. Vipin is not serious towards this case and other cases fixed before the commission/undersigned Bench, which is indeed a serious matter.
5. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the respondent PIO, which shows PIO's casual attitude towards the directions of the Commission. In pursuance of this, the PIO is directed to file a written submission in response to the Notice of the Commission and should present this case personally on the next date of hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow.
6. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, Sh. Vipin, O/o EO, NC, Mansa 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.

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7. Respondent PIO is directed to appear in all the cases fixed for 05.07.2023 along with directions to bring the relevant record in all the cases fixed before the undersigned Bench.
8. It is also observed that an email dated 17.05.2023 is received from the First Appellate Authority comprising a letter no. 87 dated 17.05.2023 through which PIO-cum-EO, O/o Nagar Council, Mansa was directed to supply information along with directions to represent this case today on fixed date and time but respondent PIO, Sh. Vipin did not bother to compliance of orders passed by the Commission/First Appellate Authority. A copy of this order be sent First Appellate Authority through registered post to look into the matter and make sure respondent PIO in the present case and other cases which are fixed before the undersigned Bench be present on the fixed date and time, failing which action as per RTI act, 2005 will be initiated against the concerned respondent PIO.
9. **The matter is adjourned for further hearing 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.

Dated: 18.05.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Show-Cause

(Regd. Post) **Sh. Vipin (EO-cum-PIO)**
O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Mansa

Encl. RTI application