



**Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,**  
# 60-35-P-330, Street No. 08, Maha Singh Nagar,  
P.O. Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana (141014) Punjab

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Director, Local Govt. Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Director, Local Govt. Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 458 of 2023**

**Present: i) Shri Gurmej Lal, representative of the appellant - through cisco webex.**  
**ii) None is present from the Respondent / PIO.**

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. Shri Gurmej Lal attends the hearing on behalf of the appellant through cisco webex and states that no information has been supplied to the Appellant so far.
3. The respondent is absent for the second consecutive hearing nor has 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. The Commission takes a serious note of the same.
4. However, in the interest of justice, one more opportunity is given to the PIO O/o Director, Local Govt. Pb. Chandigarh 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 point-wise reply/information to the appellant as per the RTI application. 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.

**Chandigarh**  
**16.05.2023**

**Sd/-**  
**(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))**  
**State Information Commissioner, Punjab**