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Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia(9888710031)

Sr. Citizen, RTI Activist, Whistle Blower,
President, NCAG Office,
Street No.5, # 1331-5,
Vishwkarama Bhawan,
Down Canal Road,
Simlapuri, Ludhiana 141003.

Appellant

Versus

SHOW CAUSE:

Public Information Officer

(Regd. Post) O/o Secy., Regional Tpt. Authority,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Tpt. Authority,
Ludhiana

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 465 of 2023
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Gurmej Lal on behalf of the appellant, at PSIC office.
Respondent: Absent.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 24.05.2023.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. After hearing the representative of the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that appellant filed the appeal case in the Commission on 09.01.2023. Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties by the undersigned Bench on 02.02.2023 (i.e. dispatched on 03.02.2023) for hearing on 24.05.2023.
4. On the hearing held on 24.05.2023, respondent, Sh. Ravinder requested for an adjournment which was granted with the directions to supply the demanded information within 10 days from that day. Matter was adjourned for 18.07.2023 i.e. today.
5. As, the cisco webex is not working today, so the attendance of the Respondent is not marked. It is also observe that ample time has elapsed from 24.05.2023 but no response from the respondent to the appellant as well as to the Commission, which indeed a serious matter.
6. In view of the foregoing, respondent **PIO, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana** 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.

7. Respondent PIO is directed to deal this case on priority basis and supply the information as per RTI application to the Appellant within in 10 days after receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.
8. Both the parties are directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing along with relevant record at Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh.
9. **With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned for further hearing on 18.08.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.**

Dated: 18.07.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab