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Sh. Manjinder Singh(9872015069)

2469, Sunny Enclave,
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Distt. Mohali 140301.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4701 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh
Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.02.2023.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that sufficient time has elapsed, the sought for information as per RTI application is still awaited. He further pleads for suitable directions so that he may get the same.
3. Respondent PIO is absent second time even after issuing him registered post order by the Commission, which indeed a serious matter.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur 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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5. Respondent PIO is directed to comply with previous order of the Commission dated 02.02.2023 within ten days after receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned for further hearing on **27.06.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 04.05.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Show-Cause

(Regd. Post) **Sh. Kuldeep Singh (SA-cum-PIO)**
O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur

Encl. RTI application