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**Sh. Manjinder Singh(9872015069)**

# 2469, Sunny Enclave,

Sector 125, Kharar,

Distt. Mohali 140301.



Appellant

Versus

**Show-Cause**

**(Regd Post)** **Public Information Officer**  
O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,  
Bathinda

Encl. RTI application

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,  
Bathinda

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 4703 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 vide which respondent intimated that information will be sent to the appellant today by registered post. Appellant was advised to point out deficiencies, if any, within 7 days from the receipt of information to the respondent department under intimation to the Commission, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 04.05.2023.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that information is still pending even after the directions of the Commission dated 02.02.2023. He adds that similar kind of information is also received from office of RTA, Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Hoshiarpur.
3. Respondent PIO is absent in spite of registered post order issued to him by the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda 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**