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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Manjinder Singh (9872015069)**  
2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector 125, Kharar,  
District Mohali (140301).

Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer (By Name)**  
O/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Sangrur

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority (By Name)**  
O/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Sangrur.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 475 of 2022**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh.  
Respondent: None is present from department.

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.10.2022.
2. In today's hearing, Shri Manjinder Singh states that no information has been supplied to him in spite of earlier orders dated 10.08.2022 & 18.10.2022 till date.
3. The Commission while viewing absence of the respondent seriously second time in spite of registered post notices/orders issued by the Commission time and again, which means he fails to perform his duties as a public servant.
4. **Respondent PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Sangrur is also failed to reply to the show cause notice**, which was issued to him by the Commission dated 18.10.2022.
5. From the material on record, it transpires that there has been unnecessary delay in conveying the correct State of affairs to the appellant in respect to his request for information. No explanation for delay has been given by him. Rather, his failure to even respond to the directions issued to him by the Commission reinforces the fact that he has been without any reasonable cause guilty of remissness in the discharge of his duties, therefore, deserves to be penalized.
6. In view of the defying attitude of the **concerned respondent PIO, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur** neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation for the directions issued to him within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the court comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the imposition of **penalty amounting to Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) upon the concerned respondent PIO. However, taking a lenient view, I impose a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten thousand only)** on the respondent PIO.

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7. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of RTA, Sangrur is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of the concerned respondent PIO and be deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services

60 other Services

800-Other Receipts

86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

8. **To come up on 28.03.2023 for further proceedings in the Commission.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties through **registered post**.

**Dated: 18.01.2023**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**