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Shri Gurmej Lal, whistle Blower,
NCAG Office, Street NO.5, # H.No.1331-5,
Vishawkarma Bhawan, Down Canal Road,
Simlapuri, Ludhiana.

……Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Commissioner,
MC, Ludhiana(Zone-C).

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner,
MC, Ludhiana.

….Respondents

AC No. 483 of 2023

Present: i) Shri Gurmej Lal – Appellant – through cisco webex
ii) Respondent – Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 28.09.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 28.10.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 09.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The case has been heard today. As per appellant, the PIO has not supplied any information so far.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation to the Commission.

4. There is nothing on record which shows that the RTI application has been attended to within the time prescribed under the RTI Act and there has been an enormous delay of more than five months in providing the information as well as the respondent is absent without any intimation to the Commission. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO-O/o Commissioner, MC Ludhiana to show cause why penalty should not be imposed on him under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time. He/she should file an affidavit in this regard. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such person(s) of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

5. The PIO is directed to provide complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

6. The case is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 22.05.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh**. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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

Chandigarh
16.03.2023

CC to: PIO-O/o Zone-C,
MC Ludhiana.