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

**Versus**

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

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

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 4902 of 2021**  
**Hearing through CISCO Webex**

**Present:** Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh  
Respondent: Absent.

**ORDER**

1. This case may be read to the reference to the previous orders dated 04.08.2022, 22.09.2022, 29.11.2022 and 15.03.2023.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant states that till date no information or affidavit has been supplied to him as per previous order dated 22.09.2022 passed by the undersigned Bench.
3. On the other hand, the respondent PIO is absent.
4. After hearing the appellant in detail and examining the case file, it is observed that appellant filed RTI application on 03.08.2021 and still he is struggling to collect the information but respondent PIO did not bother to pay heed towards the directions of the Commission time and again.
5. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, Sh. Kuldeep Singh (SA), O/o The 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 (through cisco webex) 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 (through cisco webex) 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.

6. Respondent PIO is directed to appear in person (through cisco webex) on the next date of

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hearing along with directions to compliance with previous order of the Commission dated 22.09.2022 within ten days after receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission

7. A copy of this order be sent to the First Appellate Authority to look into the matter and for the compliance of this order.
8. Both the parties are directed to **come up for hearing on 30.08.2023 at 11:00 AM through cisco webex meetings software**, failing which case will be decided on merit basis. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties through **registered post**.

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**Date: 31.05.2023**

**(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