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Appellant

Sh. Manjinder Singh(9872015069)

2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar,
Distt. Mohali 140301.

Versus

Show Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)
(Regd. Post) O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4906 of 2021
Through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh
Respondent: absent.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.09.2022 vide which Respondent, Sh. Gurmeet Singh states that reply was sent to the appellant on 08.08.2022 (mentioning therein that 321 heavy licenses and 321 Mahuana Certificates have been issued during January to March, 2018) with a copy to the Commission via email dated 08.08.2022, which was received and taken on record. Respondent PIO was directed to supply the requisite information within ten days from 22.09.2022 without further delay. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 29.11.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that nothing is supplied to him even after the directions of the Commission vide order dated 22.09.2022.
3. Respondent PIO is absent in spite of registered post order issued to him, indeed a serious matter, as it also affects the disposal of the case.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Ferozepur 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 supply the demanded information to the appellant within ten days after receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.
6. Appellant is advised to point out deficiencies, if any, within 7 days from its receipt as per RTI application, failing which the case shall be decided on merits.
7. To come up on **15.03.2023 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: 29.11.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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