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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal (9814197689)

S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,

148, Model Town, Phase -1, Bathinda.

Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post)

O/o SHO, Police Station,

Talwandi Saboo, District Bathinda.

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

O/o IGP, Bathinda Range, Bathinda.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4956 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Sanjeev Goyal is present.

Respondent: None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.10.2022 vide which appellant, Shri Sanjeev Goyal was advised to submit the proof to the Commission through email by on that day he had gathered information from other police stations regarding same context. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on 18.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M.
2. In today's hearing, the Appellant, Shri Sanjeev Goyal states that nothing has been supplied to him till date after the last order.
3. Respondent PIO is absent third time and the Commission while viewing absence of the respondent seriously 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. In view of the foregoing, respondent PIOs, O/o SHO, Police Station, Talwandi Saboo, District 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.

5. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **28.03.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 18.01.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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