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Sh. Dilbagh Singh (8146100157)

R/o Dashmesh Nagar,

Street No. 03, Tehsil and District Ferozepur.

Appellant

Versus

SHOW CAUSE:-

Public Information Officer

(Regd. Post)

O/o Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur.

Encl. RTI application.

First Appellate Authority,

(Regd. Post)

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 5007 of 2022

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Appellant: Sh. Dilbagh Singh

(ii) Respondent: Absent.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 28.02.2023.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant, Sh. Dilbagh Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till yet.
3. On the other hand, the respondent PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission. He was also absent on the previous hearing held on 28.02.2023. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as despite of giving an opportunity to the PIO concerned on the last hearing but still nobody appears from the department today to represent this case and moreover, no information has been supplied to the appellant.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, 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 should not be imposed upon him for wilful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant 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 (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.

5. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority i.e. The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post for the compliance of this order and to look into the matter as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, not for the harassment of the public.
6. This case is adjourned and both the parties are directed to come up on **28.06.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Dated: 26.04.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab