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Sh. Jasbir Singh (9888296107)
Village Bolapur, PO Ramgarh,
Chandigarh Road, District Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer
(Regd. Post) O/o Secretary, RTA
Bathinda.

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 5008 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Jasbir Singh at PSIC, office.
Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.04.2023.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that nothing is received with regard to his RTI application till date in spite of directions of the Commission from time and again.
3. Nobody appears from the respondent department in spite of registered orders. It is observed that no communication is received from him regarding compliance of previous order dated 26.04.2023 through which respondent PIO was directed to supply the information i.e. from 01.02.2022 to 31.03.2022 to the appellant within 30 days from 26.04.2023 but after the ample time has elapsed information is still pending to be supplied, which indeed a serious matter and not acceptable at all.
4. In view of the foregoing, respondent PIO, O/o **Secretary, RTA, 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.

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5. A final opportunity is awarded to the concerned PIO to supply the information i.e. from 01.02.2022 to 31.03.2022 to the appellant within 15 days from receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission, without further delay.
6. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **08.08.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX.**
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Date: 7.6.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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