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Sh. Gurmej Lal(9781672776)

Sr. Citizen, RTI Activist, Whistle Blower,
President, NCAG Office, Street No.5, # 1331-5,
Vishwkarama Bhawan, Down Canal Road,
Simlapuri, Ludhiana 141003.

Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer

(Regd. Post) O/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 500 of 2023

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant: Sh. Gurmej Lal.

Respondent: Absent.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.05.2023.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that the sought for information is still pending.
3. Respondent PIO is absent second time without intimation to the Commission, which means he did not pay any heed towards the notices and orders of the Commission.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar 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. Respondent PIO is directed to deal this case immediately after receiving of this order and supply point-wise information to the appellant under intimation to the Commission.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned for further hearing on **09.11.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector-16, Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date : 4.7.2023

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**