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Sh. GurjitSingh(9649076125)

S/o Sh.Gurpiar Singh,

R/o Ward No.17Bareh Road,

Budhlada, Distt. Mansa 151502.

Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer

(Regd Post)

O/o EO, Nagar Council, Budhlada,

Distt. Mansa

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

O/o ADC(UD), Mansa

Respondent

Appeal Case No.:5028 of 2022

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Gurjit Singh

Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.02.2023.
2. In today's hearing, appellant is present but the respondent is absent subsequently 2nd time without any intimation to the Commission in spite of registered post notice/orders issued to him by the Commission.
3. The appellant states that sufficient time has elapsed the respondent neither responded to comply with the earlier order nor appears this time too. He further pleads that suitable direction be given to the department so that he may get the sought for information without wasting further time.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o EO, Nagar Council, Budhlada, District Mansa 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 on priority basis and supply the complete requisite information within ten days after receipt of this order.
6. To come up on **06.06.2023 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: 25.4.2023

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