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Sh. Jasbir Singh (9888296107)

Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village Bolapur, PO Ramgarh,
District Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 5101 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Shri Jasbir Singh
(ii) Respondent: None is present from the department.

ORDER

1. This case may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 15.12.2022.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. Respondent PIO is consecutively absent second time without any intimation to the Commission.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Ludhiana 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. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned for further hearing on **03.05.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State information Commission, Sector 16, Madya Marg, Chandigarh.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 01.02.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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