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**Sh. Jasbir Singh (9888296107)**  
Guru Nanak Nagar,  
Village Bolapur, PO Ramgarh,  
District Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Office**  
(Regd. Post) O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,  
Ludhiana

**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 order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.02.2023.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant states that no information has been supplied to him till date.
3. Respondent PIO has been absenting continuously 3<sup>rd</sup> time without any intimation to the Commission. He was also absent on previous hearings held on 15.11.2022 and 01.02.2023, which indeed a serious matter, it also leads wastage of precious time and resources of the Commission.
4. From the material on record, it transpires that there has been unnecessary delay in conveying the correct State of affairs to the appellant in respect to his request for information. No explanation for delay has been given by him. Rather, his failure to even respond to the directions issued to him by the Commission reinforces the fact that he has been without any reasonable cause guilty of remissness in the discharge of his duties, therefore, deserves to be penalized.
5. In view of the defying attitude of the concerned **respondent PIO, Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana** neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation for the directions issued to him within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the court comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the **imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) upon the concerned respondent PIO**. However, taking a lenient view, I impose a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten thousand only) on the respondent PIO. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of RTA, Ludhiana is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of the concerned respondent PIO and be deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services  
60 other Services  
800-Other Receipts  
86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

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6. Respondent PIO is directed to supply point-wise requisite information to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order along with directions to deal this case on priority basis without further delay.
7. To come up on **31.05.2023 at 11:00 AM for further proceedings in the Commission**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 03.05.2023**

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