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Sh. Tejinder Singh, Adocate(901004313)

Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur 144410.

Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer
(Regd. Post) O/o Secy, Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy, Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5250 of 2022
Heard through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant- Sh. Tejinder Singh
Respondent: Absent.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order 2.3.2023 vide which respondent PIO was directed to provide the requisite information as per RTI application within 15 days from the receipt of that order. The matter was adjourned to 3.4.2023.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant is present but nobody appears on behalf of the respondent.
3. The appellant states that as per last order, department has neither complied with the directions of the Commission nor supplied the information.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Faridkot 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. Respondent PIO is directed to supply the requisite information point-wise to the appellant within ten days after receipt of this order along with advice to deal RTI application within stipulated time, as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote the transparency and accountability not to harass the public.
6. To come up on **05.07.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application).
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Date: 03.04.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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