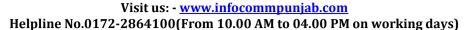
## **PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION** RED CROSS BUILDING, NEAR ROSE GARDEN, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

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SHri Balbir Aggarwal, # 1525/1, Street NO.33, Preet Nagar. Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o Chief Sanitary Officer, MC, Zone-C, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Sanitary Officer, MC, Zone-C, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.534 of 2023

Present: i) Appellant - Absent

ii)

None for the Respondent

## ORDER:

- This order may be read with reference to the order dated 28.03.2023 passed by 1. this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Both the parties are absent.
- 3. The PIO is absent for the second consecutive hearing nor is represented and has also not filed reply to the show cause notice issued during the previous hearing on 28.03.2023.
- 4. Keeping the above-mentioned facts of the case, it is clear that the PIO- O/o Chief Sanitary Officer, Zone-C, MC-Ludhiana is flouting the spirit of the RTI Act repeatedly. The PIO has not only shown utter disregard for the Commission's repeated orders to provide the information but has shown willful stubbornness in not appearing before the Bench despite various orders of the Bench.
- 5. To secure an erring PIO"s presence before the Bench, the Information Commission is empowered to issue warrants to the PIO Under Section 18(3) of the RTI Act. A bailable Warrant of the PIO- O/o Chief Sanitary Officer, Zone-C, MC-Ludhiana is hereby issued through Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana for his presence before the Bench on 19.07.2023.
- The PIO is directed to send point-wise information/reply to the appellant before the next date of hearing. The PIO is further directed to come present in person before the Bench to attend the next hearing.
- 7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 19.07.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 29.05.2023

Sd/-(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd)) State Information Commissioner, Punjab