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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) Sh.Balbir Aggarwal – through cisco-webex
ii) None for the Respondent**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 28.10.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 28.11.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 10.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today. As per appellant, the PIO has not supplied the information.
3. The respondent is absent nor is represented. There is nothing on record which shows that the RTI application has been attended to within the time prescribed under the RTI Act and there has been an enormous delay of five months in providing the information. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to **show cause why penalty should be not imposed on him under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time. He/she should file an affidavit in this regard.** If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such person(s) of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.
4. 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.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 29.05.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
28.03.2023**

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