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Appellant

Sh. Bhushan Jain(8146300392)

(RTI Activist)
392, Street No.3,
Narmal Nagar, Durgi,
Ludhiana

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 5456 of 2022

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant- Sh. Bhushan Jain

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 29.6.2022 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 7.9.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 10.11.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 18.4.2023 i.e. today.
3. In today's hearing, appellant, Sh. Bhushan Jain states that he is not satisfied with the supplied reply against RTI application. He adds that department sent a reply stating therein that record is not available in the official record.
4. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case. In pursuance of this, the PIO is directed to file a written submission in response to the Notice of the Commission and should present this case personally (through cisco webex), on the next date of hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow.
5. Respondent PIO is also directed to supply point-wise information to the appellant within ten days after receipt of this order as ample time has elapsed after issuing notice of hearing by the Commission on 20.12.2022.
6. Appellant is advised to point out discrepancy, if any, in written to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within seven days after receipt of the information, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
7. 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.
8. **Matter is adjourned for further hearing on 22.06.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 18.4.2023

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