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Sh. Bhoop Ram (9877710622),
S/o Sh. Om Prakash,
R/o VPO Dodewala, Tehsil Abohar,
District Fazilka

Versus

Appellant

Show-Cause

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o Deputy Director,
State Transport Department (PUNBUS),
Sector 17, Chandigarh

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
State Transport Department (PUNBUS),
Sector 17, Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 5489 of 2022
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

1. This case may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 18.04.2023.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are absent without any intimation to the Commission.
3. After examining the case file, it is observed that appellant was advised to point out discrepancy in the supplied information dated 13.04.2023 through registered post but nothing is heard from him.
4. Respondent PIO is not present for today's hearing in spite of registered post order issued to him by the Commission, which means he has casual approach towards orders of the Commission.
5. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Director, State Transport Department (PUNBUS), Sector-17, Chandigarh 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.

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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.

6. 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.
7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned for further hearing on **06.09.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties. (Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

Dated: 22.06.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Note: After the hearing was over, Ms. Sarabdeep Kaur (SA) appeared and she was apprised with today's proceedings.

Dated: 22.06.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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