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Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, (9855890233)  
(Regd. Post) R/o New Sharma Furniture House,  
Pratap Bazaar, Chhehratta, Amritsar.  
Versus

.....Appellant

**Public Information Officer**  
(Regd. Post) O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Amritsar.

**Encl. RTI Application**

**First Appellate Authority**  
(Regd. Post) O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Amritsar.

....Respondents

**AC No. 5496 of 2022**

**Present:** (i) Appellant, Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, through cisco webex.  
(ii) None is present from the department.

**ORDER**

1. This case may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 18.01.2023.
2. Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him yet.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.
4. **Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as no information has been supplied to the appellant and today nobody appears from the department to represent this case.**
5. In view of the foregoing, respondent **PIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar is directed to Show Cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act,** as to why penalty should not be imposed upon him for wilful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.
6. In addition to his submission, the PIO is 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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7. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority i.e. Commissioner, MC, Amritsar through registered post for the compliance of this order and to look into the matter as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, not for the harassment of the public.

8. The PIO is directed to supply point-wise information to the appellant before the next hearing as also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 13.04.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties through registered post.

Chandigarh  
16.02.2023

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