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Versus

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o Tehsildar, Maur, Distt. Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o SDM, Maur, Distt. Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 5511 of 2021 Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Amarjit Singh

(ii) Respondent: Sh. Jagjeet Singh (Nain Tehsildar)

## ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.10.2022 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 10.11.2022 at Punjab State Information Commission office, Chandigarh.
- 2. In today's hearing, appellant states that information is still pending after filing RTI application on 04.09.2021 even after the directions of the Commission.
- 3. Respondent, Sh. Jagjeet Singh submits reply to the Show Cause notice signed by the Ms. Tanveer Kaur, tehsildar, Maur dated Nil, which is taken on record.
- 4. After examining the documents placed on record, it is observed that appellant filed RTI application on 04.09.2021 but for non furnishing the information, First Appeal was filed on 06.10.2021 and accordingly appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.12.2021 under Section 19 of the RTI Act, 2005. The instant appeal case fixed for hearing on 26.07.2022, Ms. Tanveer was present and she was directed to supply the complete information as per RTI application. In case, information could not be supplied / available, file a reply in the shape of an affidavit to the Commission before the next date of hearing and matter was adjourned to 31.08.2022, which was postponed and fixed for 11.10.2022.
- 5. On hearing held on 11.10.2022, nobody bothers to attend the hearing fixed by the Commission. A show cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO.
- 6. After having the detailed discussion with both the parties and examining the case file, it is observed that directions were given to the respondent PIO by the Commission on 26.07.2022 and 11.10.2022 but after the ample time has elapsed, nothing has been supplied to the appellant, which is indeed a serious matter. A final opportunity was given to him to comply with the order of the Commission dated 26.07.2022 by Monday i.e. 14.11.2022 with a copy to the Commission.

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- 7. Respondent PIO is directed to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively to clear the facts of this case, failing which stern action will be initiated against him.
- 8. 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.
- Matter is adjourned for further hearing on 14.12.2022 at 11:00 through CISCO WEBEX application. Announced in the court. Copies of order be sent to the parties.
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Dated: 10.11.2022 (Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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