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Shri Kuldip Kumar,
House No. 3261, Rattan Singh Chowk,
FGC Road, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Patiala .

....Respondents

AC No. 5604 of 2022

Present: i) Shri Kudip Kumar, appellant- cisco webex.
ii) None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.02.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. Shri Kuldip Kumar, appellant attends the hearing through cisco webex and states that he received certain information on his WhatsApp number from the PIO on 21.02.2023 which was incomplete. He has already pointed out the discrepancies to the PIO but despite order of the Commission, the deficiencies have not been resolved so far.

3. The respondent is absent and vide email has sought adjournment stating that the concerned officer Sh.Ashish Sharma, AEE is on leave due to some important work and he is unable to attend the hearing. The PIO has however, not filed reply to the show cause notice issued on 22.02.2023 for delay in providing the information. However, in the interest of justice, one last opportunity is given and the PIO is directed to file reply to the show cause notice and appear personally on the next date of hearing otherwise the Commission will initiate action against the PIO under section 20(1) of the RTI Act.

4. The PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the official records. After inspection of records by the appellant, the information as is identified by the appellant be provided to him before the next hearing. The PIO is directed to ensure that official

records related to RTI application of the appellant are presented for examination and documents as identified are given duly attested by the PIO. The PIO is also 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 15.06.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.04.2023**

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

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