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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Rajnish Khosla (8146170500)** Complainant  
R/o # 77-R, State Bank Colony,  
White Avenue, Amritsar.

Versus

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

Encl. RTI application and Copy of previous order dated 11.01.2023 Respondent

**Complaint Case No.: 597 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Complainant: Sh. Rajnish Khosla along with his representative Sh. Avnish Khosla.  
Respondent: Absent.

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read to the reference to the previous order dated 05.04.2023.
2. In today's hearing, the complainant, Sh. Rajnish Khosla states that reply/information in connection with point no. 3 and 9 is still pending even after the directions of the Commission vide order dated 11.01.2023.
3. The respondent is absent without any intimation to the undersigned bench. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, in spite of registered post order dated 05.04.2023 but still nobody appears from the department today to represent this case.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o The Commissioner, MC, 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.

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.

5. Respondent PIO is directed to bring reply in connection action taken in connection with point no. 3 and 9 of the RTI application as per previous order passed by the Commission on 11.01.2023 in the instant appeal case. A copy of previous order dated 11.01.2023 be sent to him along with this order through registered post for his ready reference.

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6. The complainant has liberty to attend the hearing through cisco webex (CISCO WEBEX Meeting Number 1582933632).
7. This case is adjourned and both the parties are directed to come up **on 05.07.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties **through registered post.**

**Dated: 25.05.2023**

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