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Shri Vipin Kumar, S/o Shri Krishan Kumar,
H. No. 319, Ward NO.24, New Abadi, Khanna.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Nagar Council,
Khanna.

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC(UD),
LUdhaina.

....Respondents

AC No. 636 of 2023

Present: i) Shri Vipin Kumar - Appellant – in person
ii) None for the Respondent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 28.03.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. The PIO is absent nor is represented. The Bench has received a copy of reply/information from the PIO through email which is taken on record. As per reply, the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 18.05.2023.
3. As per appellant, the information is incomplete since the PIO has not supplied the name of officers deputed for inspection/checking at site. The appellant further states that the construction is still going on at site whereas as per reply of PIO, no construction was going on at the time of visit of the officer deputed for the check.
4. Since there has been an enormous delay of more than one year and three months in providing the information and the PIO is absent without any intimation to the Bench, the PIO is hereby show caused **why penalty be not imposed on him under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time. He/she should file an affidavit in this regard.** If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such person(s) of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.
5. The PIO is directed to comply with earlier order of the Bench which still stands and provide point-wise information to the appellant before the next hearing. Both the parties are 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 19.07.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
29.05.2023

Sd/-
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))