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Sh. Jasbir Singh (9888296107),
Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village Bholapur Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh,
District Ludhiana (141123)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 64 of 2023
Through Cisco Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh
Respondent: absent

ORDER:

1. This case may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 04.05.2023.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission in spite of registered post order issued to him by the Commission.
4. After examining the case file, it is observed that appellant filed RTI application on 03.10.2022 and for non-furnishing the information he filed First Appeal to the First Appellate Authority on 07.11.2022 and second appeal in the Commission on 22.12.2022.
5. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties on 16.01.2023 by the undersigned Bench and was dispatched on 17.01.2023 for hearing on 04.05.2023. It is observed that ample time was there from 17.01.2023 to 04.05.2023 but respondent PIO did not bother to represent this case or for supplying the requisite information.

On hearing held on 04.05.2023, respondent appeared intimated the Commission that PIO concerned is on medical leave from November 2022 and requested for an adjournment. An opportunity was awarded to supply the attested copy of requisite information as per RTI application within ten days after receipt of that order and matter was adjourned for today but respondent PIO did not bother to appear today even after issuing the registered post notice and order to him by the Commission. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent PIO as it leads to wastage of precious time and resources of the Commission.

6. A call is made to the Secretary, RTA, faridkot, Ms. Veerpal Kaur (M: 9988713653), PCS during the hearing and she intimates the Commission that she recently joined the Faridkot office and further requests for an adjournment to go through the matter to resolve the issue accordingly.

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7. Respondent PIO is directed to appear along with relevant record on the next date of hearing at Commission positively so that case could be concluded.
8. Appellant is also directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing at Commission.
9. A copy of this order be sent to Ms. Veerpal Kaur (PCS), Secretary, RTA, Faridkot by name for her ready reference.
10. To come up on **24.07.2023 at 11:00 AM for further proceedings in the Commission.**
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 22.06.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Copy to :

(Regd. Post) **Ms. Veerpal Kaur (PCS),**
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.