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Appellant

Sh. Jasbir Singh(9888296107)

Guru Nanak Nagar,
Vill. Bholapur,(Jhabewal),
PO Ramgarh, Chandigarh,
Distt. Ludhiana 141123.

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer

(Regd. Post) O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 65 of 2023
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant: Sh. Jasbir Singh
Respondent: absent.

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 03.10.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 07.11.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 04.05.2023 i.e. today.
3. In today's hearing, appellant states that information is still pending.
4. Respondent PIO is absent in spite of registered post notice issued to him by the Commission, which shows his causal approach towards the notice of the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case.
5. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana is directed to show cause** in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant 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.

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6. Respondent PIO is directed to supply the attested copy of requisite information as per RTI application within ten days after receipt of this order to the appellant under intimation to the Commission.
7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned for further hearing on **22.06.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 04.05.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab