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Shri Sawinder Singh, S/o Shri Bal Singh,
VPO: Shutrana, Tehsil Patran, Distt:Patiala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o SDO,
PSPCL, Shutrana, Distt:Patiala.

First Appellate Authority
O/o XEN,
PSPCL, Patran, Distt:Patiala.

....Respondents

AC No. 689 of 2023

**Present: i) Sh.Sawinder Singh - Appellant – in person
ii) None for the Respondent**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 16.08.2022 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 22.09.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today. As per appellant, no information has been supplied to him so far.
3. The respondent is absent nor is represented. There is nothing on record which shows that the RTI application has been attended to within the time prescribed under the RTI Act and there has been an enormous delay of more than seven months in providing the information. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to **show cause 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. The PIO is directed to provide point-wise information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. The PIO is also directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing.
4. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 13.06.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
12.04.2023**

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