



Helpline No.0172-2864100(From 10.00 AM to 04.00 PM on working days)
Shri Jasbir Singh,
R/o 137-R, New Dana Mandi Salem Tabri,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No. 785 of 2023

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 19.04.2023 passed by this Bench during the last hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 02.06.2023 has been received from the appellant stating that due to some urgent work he is unable to attend today's hearing. He further adds that no communication has been received from the respondent till date.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana has come present in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor any intimation has been given in this regard.
4. After perusing the records, there is nothing on record which shows that the orders of the Bench passed during the last hearing has been complied with by the PIO and there has been an enormous delay of more than eight months in providing the information. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO O/o MC, Ludhiana 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.
5. The PIO is again directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the official records. After inspection of records by the appellant, the information as is identified by the appellant be provided to him duly attested by the PIO before the next hearing. The PIO is also directed to ensure that official records related to RTI application of the appellant are presented for examination and documents as identified are given duly attested by the PIO. Another opportunity is

granted to the PIO to appear before the Bench on the next hearing, failing which Bailable warrant will be issued against the PIO for non compliance of the orders of the Bench.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 31.07.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
15.06.2023**

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