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**Sh. TejinderSingh (9041004313)**

Civil Court Complex,  
Backside SanjhKender,  
Phillaur (144410)

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Ludhiana.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 816 of 2022**  
**Hearing through CISCO Webex**

**Present:** Appellant: Sh. Tejinder Singh at PSIC office.  
Respondent: Absent.

**ORDER**

1. This case was heard on 21.11.2022 vide which the case was adjourned for 15.02.2023, which was postponed and hearing notices was issued to the parties for today's hearing.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh states that he has filed RTI application on 11.10.2021 and reply was supplied to him on 18.11.2021 stating therein that information is not available. He adds that First Appeal was filed on 01.12.2021 and for non furnishing of the information he filed Appeal case in the Commission on 11.02.2022 and after issuing notice of hearing reply was received from the respondent dated 18.08.2022 stating therein that information is voluminous in nature. He further adds that 25 pages were supplied on 06.04.2023, which is irrelevant.
3. The respondent PIO is again absent without any intimation to the Commission. He was also absent on the previous hearing held on 21.11.2022 in spite of registered post notice/order issued to him by the Commission. It is observed that an email dated 11.04.2023 from [dtoludhiana10@gmail.com](mailto:dtoludhiana10@gmail.com) is received which is taken on record.
4. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representatives is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The respondent PIO has neither supplied the requisite information as per the information seeker against the demanded information (RTI dated 11.10.2021).
5. I am of the view that due to evasive attitude of the respondent PIO concerned, the appellant has suffered a lot of detriments for not getting the requisite information, I am of the view that compensation be awarded to the appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh.
6. **Hence, I award a compensation of Rs. 5,000/- (Five Thousand Only) to the appellant. The compensation amount must be paid by the respondent PIO concerned through cheque or demand draft in favor of Tejinder Singh from the account of Public Authority and not from the individual's account.**
7. Respondent PIO is directed to only to supply the compensation cheque / demand draft to the appellant with a copy to the Commission within ten days after receipt of this order.
8. With aforesaid directions, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 31.05.2023**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**