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Sh Amarjeet Bansal,
President Mubarikpur Crusher Association,
Mubarikpur, Derabassi.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN-cum- District Mining Officer,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SE, Drainage Circle,
Patiala.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 974 of 2022

PRESENT: Sh.Akarshit Sharma, Advocate for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 20.07.2021, has sought information on 09 points regarding copies of instructions/rules under which vehicles/tippers carrying finished goods of screening plants/stone crushers are weighed at the roadside – details of persons employed at the said weighbridge – a copy of the agreement with the owner of the weighbridge – a copy of NOC/permit granted by authorities – update expenditure incurred etc. as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Xen-cum-District Mining officer, Mohali. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 27.10.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

After filing the first appeal, the PIO sent a reply on 20.12.2021 to which the appellant was not satisfied and filed 2nd appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today. As per the appellant, the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent is absent nor represented.

Having gone through the RTI application, the PIO is directed to provide following information:

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| - Point-1 | - | To be provided |
| - Point-2 | - | Information sought is Vague |
| - Point-3,4 & 5 | - | To be provided if available in the record |
| - Point-6 | - | The information sought is a query, this dismissed. |
| - Point-7 & 8 | - | The sought information prima facie appears to be very voluminous information. The appellant can inspect the record and get the relevant Information. The PIO is to give access to all records which have been sought in the RTI application. |
| - Point-9 | - | To be decided at the next date of hearing |

There has been an enormous delay in attending to the RTI application. 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 other persons are 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.

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The PIO is again directed to provide information to the appellant within 15 days of receiving the order and send a compliance report to the Commission.

To come up for further hearing on **28.02.2023** at 11.00 AM.

Chandigarh
Dated: 07.12.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner