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Ms Varsha Kakkar,(M-6284340814) #356, Govind Vihar, Baltana, tehsil Derabassi, Zirakpur, Distt Mohali

.... Appellant V/s

**Public Information Officer**, O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Zirakpur

**First Appellate Authority**, O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Zirakpur

...Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 1436 of 2023

Present : (i) Ms Varshal Kakkar, Appellant along with Sh Kamal (ii) None for the Respondent

## <u>ORDER</u>

The RTI application is dated 09.12.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.02.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 21.04.2023 in the Commission.

3. The Appellant states that she has not received any information till date.

4. No one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today.

5. The perusal of the file shows that, no one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today. They have neither filed any reply nor informed the Commission about their absence. The Appellant states that she has not received any information till date. In view of the above, **PIO**-

O/o EO, MC, Zirakpur to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of

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the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant.

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. Further, the Respondent-PIO is also directed to file their point-wise specific reply along with the complete information, pertaining to the RTI of the Appellant, on the next date of hearing.

6. To come up on **17.05.2023 at 11:00AM** in the Commission. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :21.04.2023

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon) State Information Commissioner Punjab