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Tejinder Singh, Advocate,  
Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,  
Backside Sanjh Kender,  
Phillaur - 144410 (Punjab)  
(90410-04313)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Food and Drugs Administration,  
Kharar (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,  
(Regd. Post) O/o The Civil Surgeon,  
Moga (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Health Department,  
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 225 of 2023**

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 13.01.2022. First appeal is dated 17.02.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 02.01.2023.
3. This case was earlier heard on 27.02.2023.
4. The appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, appeared in person in today's hearing.
5. After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that vide orders dated 27.02.2023, the PIO office of Civil Surgeon, Moga was impleaded as respondent party no. 02 in this case and today none came appeared from office of Civil Surgeon, Moga.
6. After hearing the appellant and perusing the record available on file it emerges that PIO, o/o Civil Surgeon, Moga has delayed/ denied in providing the information to the appellant. In view of the above, ***PIO- Civil Surgeon, Moga is directed*** to show cause in writing

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or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

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.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 at 12:00 P. M. for hearing.** Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**Dated: 27th March, 2023**

**(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)**  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab