



Sh. Rajnish Bharara
Preet Colony, Zirakpur,
Distt. Mohali

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Naib Tehsildar, Zirakpur
First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM, Derabassi, Distt. Mohali

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3177 of 2022

Present : (i) Sh. Rajnish Bharara the appellant
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.12.2022, passed by the Commission vide which the respondent was absent and a show cause notice was issued to the respondent –PIO, o/o Naib Tehsildar, Zirakpur.

2. Today again the respondent is not present. In this case, I find that on the last date of hearing i.e. 31.10.2022 also, no appearance was made on behalf of the Respondent. This is indeed a serious matter. This has resulted in much avoidable inconvenience and hardship to the Appellant. He is, therefore, entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. In the circumstances, I am of the view that ends of justice would be met if a sum of **Rs.5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation. I order accordingly.

3. He may also make use of the next date of hearing for his personal hearing as well under the principles of natural justice.

4. Adjourned to **21.02.2023 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings. Copies of the order be sent to the parties

Date : 18.01.2023

Sd/-
(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab