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Nathu Ram Sihag S/o Sh. Mahavir Sihag, Village – Taja Patti, Tehsil – Abohar – 152122, Distt. - Fazilka(Punjab) (M. 9463822000)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
 O/o The District Election Officer,
 Fazilka (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer, O/o The Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab, SCO 29-32, Sector 17 - E, Chandigarh -, 160017

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Election Commission, Sector 17 -E, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 356 of 2023

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

- i) Sh. Balwinder Singh, Superintendent (M.-9780615038) O/o Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab, Chandigarh;
- ii) Sh. Harjinder Singh, Clerk (M.- 9914704860) O/o District Election Officer, Fazilka, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

- 2. The RTI request is dated 04.07.2022. First appeal is dated 14.09.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.01.2023.
- 3. This case was earlier heard on 06.03.2023.
- 4. The appellant, Sh. Nathu Ram Sihag, is not present in today's hearing but through a telephonic communication, he has requested to hear this case through Video Conference facility.
- 5. After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that vide order dated 06.03.2023, Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab, Chandigarh was impleaded as respondent party no. 02 in this case.

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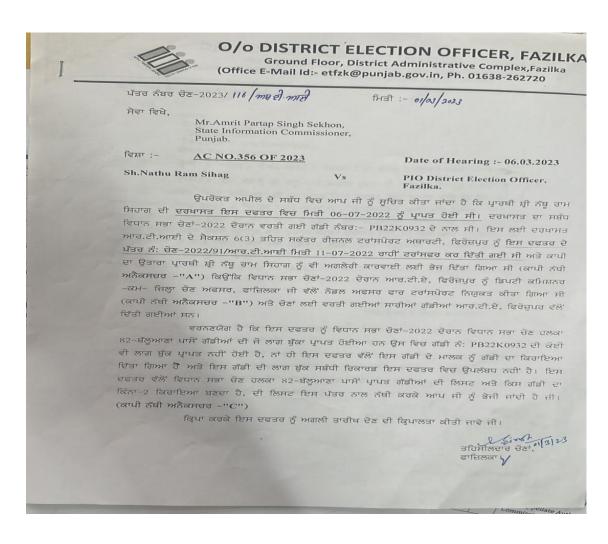
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- 6. Sh. Balwinder Singh, Superintendent office of Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab, Chandigarh, appeared in today's hearing.
- 7. Sh. Harjinder Singh, Clerk office of District Election Officer, Fazilka, appeared in today's hearing.
- 8. After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that Tehsildar (Elections), Fazilka has sent a reply dated 01.03.2023, which is as under:-



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- 9. I have gone through the reply and have not satisfied with the same. Hence, , one opportunity is given to the PIO office of Tehsildar (Elections), Fazilka to represent this case in person on the next date fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.
- 10. The perusal of the file shows that the appellant has sent an email wherein he has requested that his hearing shall be conducted through online mode. The appellant may note that the cases of this bench are being heard through personal hearings only. Hence, the appellant is directed to attend the hearing in the Commission office. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed
- With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 26th April, 2023 at 12:00 P. M. for hearing.</u>Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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

Date: 27th March, 2023

i) Public Information Officer, O/o The Tehsildar (Elections), Fazilka (Punjab)