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Ms Anju Rani Parashar (83600-34955) R/o Ward no 2,Kurali .

..Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o Nagar Council Kurali

First Appellate Authority, O/o ADC (Urban Development) SAS Nagar

.....Respondent

.....Appellant

AC No. 3632 of 2022

Present : Ms. Anju Prashar the appellant For the respondent: S.Sukhdev Singh, Junior Assistant (7888582934)

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was earlier heard on 23.09.2022 and disposed of. However, the appellant has approached the Commission that the requisite information has not been provided to him by the respondent so far. Therefore, this case was reopened and has been allocated to the bench of undersigned.

Hearing dated 23.09.2022

The appellant states that she has received complete information except point nos. 5 and 7.

4. The respondent promised that the same will be provided to the appellant today itself.

5. The respondent is directed to send the information to the appellant pertaining to point nos. 5 and 7 today itself with a copy to the Commission. The appellant expressed her satisfaction over the same and stated that she had no objection if the case is disposed of accordingly.

2. Today the respondent S.Sukhdev Singh ,Junior Assistant has sought some time..

3. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file , it is observed that the respondent has failed to comply the orders of the Commission dated 23.09.2022. This shows that the respondent-PIO has no regard for the order issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

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4. In view of the above, *PIO- O/o Nagar Council, Kurali is directed* to show cause in writing 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 appellant 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.

5. To come up on **19.05.2023 at 11.00 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :24th April, 2023

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon) State Information Commissioner Punjab