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Gurpreet Singh
S/o Sh. Gurdev singh,
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SriMuktsar Sahib – 152026 (Punjab)
(M. – 8283888905)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation Division No 2,
Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Sri Muktsar Sahib. Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 369 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Clerk (M.-7837257436), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 31.10.2022. First appeal is dated 27.12.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 05.01.2023.

3. The appellant, Sh. Gurpreet Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

4. Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Clerk, appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing but the concerned respondent PIO has not sent any document showing that the information or any reply has been given to the appellant or not. It reflects that after a lapse of more than three months, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker

5. In view of the above, **a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No 2, Sri Muktsar Sahib, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.**

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6. 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 in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

7. Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to submit the certified copies of the required information or a point-wise reply to the queries raised through RTI request on the next date of hearing.

With this, the case is **adjourned to 27th March, 2023 at 12:00 P. M. for hearing.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :6th March, 2023

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