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Public Information Officer O/o DC, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority O/o DC, Amritsar

.....Respondent

.....Appellant

AC: 3744 of 2022

Present: (i) Sh. R.P.Mittal the appellant

(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

..Vs

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.09.2022 vide which the respondent was not present.

- 2. Today the appellant Sh. R.P.Mittal states that no information has been given to him so far.
- 3. The respondent is absent today.
- 4. The perusal of the file shows that the last orders dated 30.09.2022 returned back from the postal authorities in the Commission office as refused. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the RTI Act 2005. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the Deputy Commissioner office, Amritsar.
- 5. In view of the above, *PIO- o/o DC, Amritsar 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 complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

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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.

6. To come up on 12.12.2022 at 12.00 PM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated:31.10.2022

Sd/(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
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