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..Appellant

Sh Mahinder Singh, S/o Sh Charan Singh,	
R/o Village Lakhuwal, Tehsil- Ajanala,	
Distt Amritsar (M-991433801)	
.V:	s

Public Information Officer, O/o DGP, Punjab Police headquarters, Sector-9, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o DGP, Punjab Police headquarters,
Sector-9, Chandigarh

2.Public Information Officer,	
O/o DC, Amritsar	Respondent

AC No.4232 of 2022

PRESENT: (i) Advocate Prince Pasricha, Counsel for the Appellant

(ii) None for the Respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.01.2023.

- 2. Sh Prince Pasricha is appearing on behalf of the Appellant. He has filed his power of attorney regarding the same. He states that no information has been provided to the appellant till date.
- 3. After perusing the case file, it is ascertained that no one has appeared on behalf of Respondent no. 2 today. They were no present on the previous date of hearing also. They have not even bothered to inform the Commission about their absence.
- 4. In view of the above, *PIO-DC*, *Amritsar* 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.

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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.

5. To come up on **17.03.2023 at 12:00PM in the Commission office**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Chandigarh 21.02.2023

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon) State Information Commissioner Punjab

CC: PIO- DRO-O/o DC Amritsar (through Registered post)