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Sh Rajinder Kumar, S/o Sh Bant Singh, (M—9815925908) Samgoli, Tehsil Derabassi, Distt Dera Bassi-140501 (RTI Application no. 24252)

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o DC, mohali

First appellate Authority O/o DC, Mohali

Public Information Officer, O/o SDM, Derabassi

.....Respondent

AC No. 4883 of 2022

Present: (i) None for the Appellant. (ii) For the Respondent: Sh Ravinder Singh, Steno (9877269400)

.Vs

<u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.02.2023.

2. The Appellant is not present today.

3. The respondent has filed their reply today.

4. I have gone through the reply filed by the Respondent and ascertained that the same is not correct. Hence, the same is returned to the Respondent with directions, to file their specific reply on the next date of hearing.

5. Further, it is also made clear that, no person below the rank of PIO/APIO will be allowed to appear from the next date of hearing. Appearance of low level officials will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also award of compensation to the appellant and also recommendation of disciplinary action against the PIO under Section 20 of RTI Act, 2005.

6. To come up on **24.03.2023 at 12:00PM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated :28.02.2023

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon) State Information Commissioner Punjab