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Shailender Singh Brar S/o Sh. Jaswant Singh Brar, Flat No. 507, Ivory Tower, Sector 70, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) - 160071(Punjab) (M : 8699844525)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Tehsildar, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o Deputy Commissioner, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5145 of 2022

Present : Sh. Shailender Singh Brar, the appellant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 29.09.2022. First appeal is dated 26.10.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.10.2022.

3. This case was earlier heard on 10.01.2023.

4. The appellant, Sh. Shailender Singh Brar, appeared in person in today's hearing.

5. Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, he (the respondent PIO) has not sent any document showing that the information has been supplied to the appellant, which reflects that after a lapse of three months, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker.

6. 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 Tehsildar, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali), 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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7. 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.

8. Last opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request by the next date of hearing.

With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 7th March, 2023 at 12:00 P. M. for hearing.</u>
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :1st February, 2023

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