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K J V Singh, H. No. 60 A, Sector 44-A,
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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Naib Tehsildar,
Zirakpur, Distt. – S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5788 of 2022

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.01.2023, passed by the Commission, vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today, again neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. However the appellant has sent an email mentioning therein that he is unable to attend today's hearing.

3. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent is absent for second consecutive hearing. It is observed that neither the respondent has sent any reply nor he has informed the Commission about his absence. This shows that the respondent-PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.

4. In view of the above, **PIO- O/o The Naib Tehsildar, Zirakpur, Distt. SAS Nagar** 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.

5. To come up on **27.03.2023 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :22nd February, 2023

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