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Ms. Balbir Kaur

W/o Sh. Parwinder Singh, H. No. 612, Ward No. 04, Old Bassi Road, Morinda, Distt. - Roopnagar(Punjab) (M : 9530796100)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Sub Registrar, Majri, Distt. – S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Kharar (Punjab) Appeal Case No. 6142 of 2022

...Respondents

Present : Ms. Balbir Kaur, the appellant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.02.2023 vide which the respondent was absent.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent is again absent.

4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 15.07.2022, but after lapse of more than eight months no information has been given to the appellant so far. This shows that the respondent-PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.

5. This has resulted in much avoidable inconvenience and hardship to the Appellant. He is, therefore, entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. In the circumstances, I am of the view that ends of justice would be met if a sum of **Rs.5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation. I order accordingly.

6. This amount shall be payable by the Respondent from the State exchequer within fifteen days from the receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.

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7. Looking at the lackadaisical and highly irresponsible attitude of the respondents, o/o Sub Registrar, Majri, Distt. Mohali is directed to show cause under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, before the penalty is imposed as to:-

- (i) Why supply of information as per RTI request sent to him has been delayed.
- (ii) Why penalty be not imposed upon him for not supplying the information within time as prescribed under RTI Act 2005.

8. Respondent-PIO is directed to file an affidavit in this regard before the next date of hearing. Respondent-PIO is also directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

9. He may also make use of the next date of hearing for his personal hearing as well under the principles of natural justice.

10. Adjourned to **26.04.2023 (at 12.00 PM)** for further proceedings. Copies of the order be sent to the parties *through registered post*

Sd/-

Date :24.03.2023

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon) State Information Commissioner Punjab

CC: Sub – Registrar, Majri. Distt. Mohali