



Lajpat Rai Garg, S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,  
Romana Street,  
Jaito, Tehsil – Jaito,  
District – Faridkot (Punjab)  
(M.9814230616)

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council,  
Jaito, Distt. - Faridkot (Punjab)  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner  
(Urban Development),  
Faridkot (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6176 of 2022**

Present : Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.02.2023, passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. The appellant has filed his written submission today in the Commission.
3. The respondent is absent today.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the respondent is absent for second consecutive hearing. The appellant filed RTI with the department on 07.10.2022, but after lapse of more than five 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. In view of the above, ***PIO- o/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Jaito, Distt. Faridkot 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.

6. To come up on **03.04.2023 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date : 13.03.2023**

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