



Shiv Garg S/o Sh. Raj Kumar,
Surjan Basti, Dirba, Tehsil – Sunam,
Distt. – Sangrur - 148035(Punjab)
(M. - 9710750004)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Controller,
Printing & Stationery, Punjab,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Controller,
Printing & Stationery, Punjab,
Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 647 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sanjiv Kumar, Senior Assistant(Office no. 0172-2579041), for respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 19.08.2022. First appeal is dated 23.09.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.01.2023.

3. The appellant, Sh. Shiv Garg, is not present in today's hearing.

4. Sh. Sanjiv Kumar, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply, vide letter dated 16.09.2022 has given to the appellant, intimating him that the information sought through RTI request is 'third party' information.

5. After hearing the respondent and examining the case file, it is ascertained that the respondent has not filed point-wise proper reply to the RTI of the appellant. It is observed that the respondents are being represented by very low level officials who are not in a position to satisfy the commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO will be allowed to appear. 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

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6. However, taking a lenient view, one last opportunity is given to the DCFA-cum-PIO to file proper point-wise reply on the next date of hearing with a copy to the appellant. An opportunity is also given to the appellant to represent this case in person on the next date fixed or the case would be decided on merits.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 21st April, 2023 at 12:00 P. M. for hearing.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :20th March, 2023

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

CC : (Regd. Post)

The Deputy Controller (F & A)-cum-PIO,
O/o Printing & Stationery, Punjab, Chandigarh