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Bir Singh S/o Sh. Gurdial Singh, Ward No. - 01, Amloh, Distt. – Sri Fatehgarh Sahib - 147203(Punjab) (M. - 9814907349)

....Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, MC, Amloh, Distt. – Sri Fatehgarh Sahib(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh,Distt. – Sri Fatehgarh Sahib(Punjab)

...Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 758 of 2023

V/s

Present : (i) Sh. Bir Singh the appellant (ii) For the respondent : None is present on behalf of the respondent.

## <u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.03.2023 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to file point wise reply.

2. Today, the respondent is not present. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent is absent today. He is not even bothered to inform the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. This shows that the respondent-PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. In view of the above, *PIO-*, *o/o MC, Amloh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib 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 appellant 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 **01.05.2023 at 11.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :10<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

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