



Sh Jawant Sarpal,
S/o Sh Darbari La Sarpal,
House No. 2220/2, Arian Street,
I/s Mahan Singh Gate, Amritsar

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon, Amritsar

First appellate Authority
O/o Civil Surgeon, Amritsar

.....Respondent

AC No. 82 of 2023

Present: (i) Sh Jaswant Sarpal, Appellant.
(ii) None for the Respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.02.2023

2. The appellant states that the Respondent has sent information running into 323 pages to him but the same is not relevant and he is not satisfied with it. He also demands that the Respondent-PIO be penalized for the harassment caused to him on account of not providing the information.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today. However, they have sent a letter vide Commission diary no. 6601 dated 13.03.2023 stating that information running into 323 pages have been provided to the Appellant.

4. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that, no one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today. They were not present on the previous date of hearing also. This shows that they have no regard for the RTI regime.

5. In view of the above, **PIO- O/o Civil Surgeon, Amritsar** 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.

6. To come up on **24.04.2023 at 12:00PM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :27.03.2023

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