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Sh N. S Bhatti, Advocate (M-98555-60437) No 33, Chamber New Judicial Court Complex, Ajnala, Distt- Amritsar

.....Appellant

..Vs

#### Public Information Officer,

O/o The Secretary To Government of Punjab, Deptt. Of Home affairs & Justice, Pb Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

### First Appellate Authority

O/o The Secretary To Government of Punjab, Deptt. Of Home affairs & Justice, Pb Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

### 2. Public Information Officer,

O/o SSP (Rural ) Amritsar

.....Respondent

## AC No. 4265 of 2022

Present : (i) None for the appellant (ii) For the respondent : Sh

(ii) For the respondent : Sh Manjit Singh, ASI (9780004354) O/o Respondent no. 2 Sh Parshottam Kumar, ASI O/o DGP Pb and Sh Rajesh Kumar, Sr Asstt O/o Respondent no. 1

### <u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.11.2022 vide which Respondent no.2 was impleaded as Respondent no. 2.

2. The Appellant is not present.

3. Sh. Manjit Singh, ASI is appearing on behalf of Respondent no. 2. He has filed their reply today.

4. I have gone through the reply filed by the Respondent and do not agree with it. It is also observed that the respondents are being represented by very low level officials who are not in a position to satisfy the Commission.

From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of low level officials will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides

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invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also recommendation of disciplinary action against the PIO under Section 20 of RTI Act, 2005. *Further PIO O/o DGP Punjab and PIO O/o Home affairs and Justice are exempt from further hearings.* 

PIO, o/o respondent no. 2 may note that this is the last opportunity given to him to appear before the Commission.

5. To come up on **23.12.2022 at 12:00PM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated :07.12.2022

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon) State Information Commissioner Punjab