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Shri Manjeet Singh (98765 76210)

S/o Shri Gurnam Singh,
R/o Village Guru Arjun Nagar, Hariaau,
Tehsil Patran, District Patiala-147105

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Patran, District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 0705 OF 2022

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of PIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Order, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission
20.10.2021	--	07.12.2021	--	04.02.2022

PRESENT: Shri Manjit Singh, Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER (SECOND HEARING):

This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated vide vide office order no. PSIC/Legal/2022/385, dated 12.07.2022 to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Maninder Singh Patti. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.06.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg. The Notice for hearing through Cisco Webex was issued to the parties for 18.10.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today.

2. The Appellant states that information sought has not been provided to him.
3. The PIO is again absent for today's hearing and he was also absent on the last hearings dated 21.06.2022, inspite of the Notice/Orders of the Commission. This shows his disregard to the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case.

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3. The perusal of the case reveals that the PIO has not provided the complete information to the appellant even after a lapse of 12 months period.

4. In view of the above, a **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE** under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act is issued to the Public Information Officer O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Patran, District Patiala to explain as to why penalty should not be imposed upon him for wilful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. The PIO is directed to file reply to the Show Cause Notice and provide the complete information to the appellant and should appear personally in the Commission, on the next date fixed, failing which Rs. 25000/- penalty will be imposed upon him as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **11.01.2023 at 11:30 AM in the Commission.** Both the parties are directed to present their case personally.

**Chandigarh
18.10.2022**

Sd/-
(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab