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Shri Shishu Paul Verma, (75893 28784) R/o # 143, NMS Colony, Tripuri, Patiala-147004

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Punjabi University, Patiala-147002

First Appellate Authority O/o Dean Academic Affairs, Punjabi University, Patiala-147002

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1349 OF 2021

PRESENT: Sh. Shishu Paul Verma, Appellant. None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Lt. Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd) and the same has been reallocated to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Maninder Singh Patti. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 26.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Lt. Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd). The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.10.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today.

2. The Appellant states that information sought has not been provided to him by the Respondents.

3. The PIO is absent. However, the representative of the PIO has sent an email in the Commission mentioning therein that due to some personal emergency he is unable to attend today's hearing in the Commission.

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4. In view of the above, the PIO O/o Punjabi University, Patiala is directed to come present in person along with original record relating to the RTI application of the appellant, on the next date of hearing. In case information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then the PIO is directed to file an <u>Affidavit/Undertaking</u> in this regard and produce the same before the Bench, on the next date of hearing, failing which action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated.

5. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 23.11.2022 at 11:30 AMin the Commission. Both the parties are directed to present their case personally.

Chandigarh 12.10.2022

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