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AC No. 1688 of 2022

Present: (i) Sh. Lal Chand the appellant

(ii) for the Respondent: None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.11.2022, vide which the respondent was absent and a show cause notice was issued to the respondent – PIO, o/o EO Nagar Council, Kharar, Distt. Mohali.

- 2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
- 3. The respondent is again absent today.
- 4. The perusal of the file shows that during the hearing dated 07.11.2022, a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO, but today neither the respondent appeared before the Commission nor he has to file any reply to the show cause notice. Hence, it is derived that the respondent-PIO is intentionally delaying the supply of information and he has no respect for the orders of the Commission to be present, either himself or through his representative in the Court.

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5. In view of the defying attitude of the respondent-PIO neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation for the delay in supplying the information within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the court comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) on the PIO. Therefore, I impose a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten thousand only) on the respondent-PIO, o/o EO, Nagar Council, Kharar. *Director, Local Govt. is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of Respondent-PIO and deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-*

"0070-Other Administrative Services

60 other Services

800-Other Receipts

86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005"

- 6. Further, the Respondent-PIO is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing alongwith the complete information.
- 7. To come up on **18.01.2023 at 12.00 PM for further proceedings in the Commission.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date : 07 December, 2022

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon) State Information Commissioner Punjab

CC: (i) Director Local Govt., Plot No. 03, Sector 35A, Chandigarh(for necessary action)