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Sh. Manjinder Singh (9872015069)

2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector 125, Kharar,
District Mohali (140301).

Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)
(Regd. Post) O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority
(Regd. Post) O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2035 of 2022

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant - Sh. Manjinder Singh is present in person.
Respondent: None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

1. This case may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 02.08.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that the status of this present case is same as it was on last date of hearing dated 02.08.2022 and he further mentions that no information has been supplied to him.
3. None is present from the Respondent / PIO.
4. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as PIO/ Respondent concerned was absent on the last hearing dated 02.08.2022 and today again nobody appears from the department. Moreover, the information is still not supplied. He was called to appear in person at Commission's office for today's hearing but he did not paid any heed towards the orders of the Commission.
5. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, 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 complainant under Section 19 (8) (b) of the Act for detriment suffered.
6. 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.
7. The PIO concerned is directed to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing.
8. A copy of this order be also sent to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. the Secretary, RTA, Amritsar** for the compliance of this order and to look into the matter as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, not for the harassment of the public.
9. Both the parties are directed to appear in the Commission on the next of hearing before the bench of undersigned positively.
10. **To come up on 03.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 11.10.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab