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Shri Lakha Singh, (92566 78144)

S/o Shri Karnail Singh,

R/o Dhandoli Kalan, P.O Janal,

Tehsil Dirba, District Sangrur – 148035

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Block Dirba, Distt.Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Block Dirba, Distt.Sangrur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2803 OF 2022

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER (FIRST HEARING):

The RTI application is dated 23.02.2022 vide which the Appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 29.03.2022 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.06.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act) and Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 11.10.2022.

2. The PIO is also absent for today's hearing, 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.

3. In view of the above, the PIO is directed to provide the complete information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing and should present this case personally through Cisco Webex. In case the information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is directed to file an **Affidavit/Undertaking** in this regard and produce the same before the Bench, on the next date of hearing, failing which action will be initiated against the PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. The Appellant is also absent and he is directed to follow up his case in the Commission, failing which decision shall be taken on merits.

5. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **16.01.2023 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645**. Both the parties are directed to present their case accordingly.

**Chandigarh
11.10.2022**

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