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Shri Manpreet Singh, (84272 74025)

S/o Shri Makhan Singh,
R/o VPO Dakoda, Tehsil Nabha,
District Patiala – 147104

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
MNREGA, Nabha, District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development),
Patiala.

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First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2863 OF 2022 **(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Shri Manpreet Singh, Appellant.

Shri Azadwinder Singh, Superintendent on behalf of the FAA (98771 61370)

None on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER (FIRST HEARING):

The RTI application is dated 19.01.2022 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 17.03.2022 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.06.2022 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 Appellant states that the information sought has not been provided to him.

3. The PIO is 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.

4. The Block Development and Panchayat Officer O/o BDPO, Nabha, District Patiala is directed to appear personally along with the entire records related to the RTI application of the appellant. In case 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 under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated.

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5. The Respondent – FAA states that the information sought by the appellant is to be provided by the BDPO, Nabha and the DDPO, Patiala is the First Appellate Authority in this case.

6. In view of the above, the District Development and Panchayat Officer O/o DDPO, Patiala is also directed to appear personally along with complete record as per RTI application of the appellant on the next date of hearing, failing which action under section 20 (1) will be initiated against the First Appellate Authority as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

7. 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
11.10.2022**

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