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Sh. Rajnish Bharara # Preet Colony, Zirakpur, Distt. Mohali

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o Naib Tehsildar, Zirakpur

First Appellate Authority, O/o SDM, Derabassi, Distt. Mohali

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3177 of 2022

Present: (i) Sh. Rajnish Bharara the appellant

(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.11.2022.

- 2. The appellant states that he has pointed out deficiencies to the respondent, but no information has been given to him so far.
- 3. The respondent is absent today.
- 4. The perusal of the file shows that the appellant filed RTI with the PIO, o/o Naib Tehsildar, but he incomplete information has been given to him so far by the respondent. This shows that the respondent PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.
- 5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the record available on file it emerges that PIO has delayed/ denied in providing the information to the appellant. In view of the above, *PIO- o/o Naib Tehsildar*, *Zirakpur 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.

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

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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.

6. 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.

Date:26th December, 2022

Sd/-(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon) State Information Commissioner Punjab