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Sh. Gurdev Singh (8283888905)

S/o Shri Gurbachan Singh,
2163, Tibbi Sahib Road,
Gaushala Street, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o G.M. Punjab Roadways,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority

O/o G.M. Punjab Roadways,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4314 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant: Sh. Gurdev Singh is present.
Respondent: None is present from department.

ORDER:

1. This case may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 24.08.2022 vide which appellant informed that information in connection with point no. 7 and 8 is still to be supplied. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 18.10.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that information in connection with point no. 6 and 7 is pending instead of point no. 7 and 8.
3. Neither the respondent PIO is present nor did he file any reply in this regard, which shows his casual approach towards the notices/orders of the Commission.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o GM, Punjab Roadways, Sri Muktsar Sahib** 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.
5. 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.
6. Respondent PIO is also directed to supply the point-wise reply/information as per RTI application to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order
7. **Matter is adjourned for further hearing on 18.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 18.10.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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