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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal(9814197689)

s/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
148, Model Town,
Phase-I, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Show Cause

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer (By Name)**
O/o SHO Police Station, Maur Mandi,
Distt. Bathinda

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority**
O/o IGP, Bathinda Range,
Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4957 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Sanjeev Goyal
Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.8.2022.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present but nobody is present on behalf of the respondent department, in spite of registered post notice/order issued to respondent PIO and FAA, which is indeed a serious matter, which also affects the disposal of the case.
3. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o SHO, Police Station, Thana Maur, Distt. Bathinda 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.
4. 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.

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5. Respondent PIO is directed to supply the complete information to the appellant within 7 days from the receipt of this order. He is also directed to appear in person on **08.02.2023 at Commission's office.**
6. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority for the compliance of this order without further delay.
7. Appellant is on liberty either to join meeting through CISCO WEBEX (Meeting No. 1582933632) or at Commission's office.
8. Announced in the court. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 20.10.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab