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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, (M: 9814197689)

S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar

148, Model Town, Phase- 1, Bathinda.

Appellant

Versus

Show Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o SHO, Police Station City Rampura,
District Bathinda

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

O/o IGP, Bathinda Range, Bathinda.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4960 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant - Sh. Sanjeev Goyal is present.

Respondent: None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.8.2022 vide which respondent PIO was absent, but directions were given to supply the information within 15 days after receipt of the order. The matter was adjourned to 12.10.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him till date.
3. The Commission while viewing absence of the respondent seriously second time in spite of registered post notices/orders issued by the Commission time and again, which means he fails to perform his duties as a public servant.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o SHO, Police Station City Rampur, District 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.
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. To come up on **19.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Dated: 12.10.2022

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**