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Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha(9814228629)
30, Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Jalandhar

Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)
(Regd. Post) O/o MC, Jalandhar

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 858 of 2022
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant: Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha
Respondent – None from respondent department

Order

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.8.2022 vide which respondent PIO was absent and was directed to go through the RTI application once again and supply the point-wise information to the appellant within 15 days from the date of receipt of the above order. Matter was adjourned for further hearing for 12.10.2022,
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present. He states that nothing has been received from the respondent department till date.
3. Respondent PIO is absent consecutively second time in spite of registered post notices/orders issued to him by the Commission, which shows he fails to perform his duties as a public servant.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o MC, Jalandhar 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 directed to supply the point-wise reply/information to the appellant as per RTI application within ten days after receipt of this order.

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7. A copy of this order be also sent to the Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar by name through registered post to look into the matter and issue directions to the concerned officials accordingly.
8. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **19.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX 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

Regd. Post

The Commissioner (By Name)
MC, Jalandhar