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Sh. Anil Kumar Joshi, R/o Alpine Apartments
Top Floor, Near Mohan Park,
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....complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Zirakpur

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 434 of 2022
(converted into Appeal Case No. 434 of 2022)

Present : Sh. Anil Kumar Joshi the complainant
For the respondent : None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.11.2022, passed by the Commission, vide which the respondent was not present.

2. Today the complainant states that no information has been given to him so far and the respondent was again absent today.

3. The perusal of the file shows that the complainant filed RTI with the PIO, o/o EO, MC, Zirakpur on 25.04.2022, but after lapse of seven months, no information has been given to him so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. In view of the above, **PIO- o/o MC, 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 on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and

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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.

5. To come up on **25.01.2023 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :23rd December, 2022

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