



Sh. Harmilap Singh Grewal,
H.NO.22173, Street 12/2,
Power House Road.
Bathinda.

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,
(Urban Development)
SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
SAS Nagar

Sh.Charnajit Singh, Panchayat Secretary
cum PIO Gram Panchayat Siswa,
Block Majri, SAS Nagar

Respondents

Appeal Cases No. 5023 of 2022
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present: Sh. Harmilap Singh Grewal, appellant.
None is present on behalf of the PIO.

Order

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 4.1.2023 which was heard by SIC Sh. Amrit Pratap Singh Sekhon. The case was reallocated to this bench and was fixed for hearing today.

2. The appellant states that information has not been provided by the PIO.
3. None is present on behalf of the respondents despite the fact that notice of hearing was sent to the respondents through registered post. The respondent was also absent during the last hearing.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file it is noticed that the PIO o/o the Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), SAS Nagar has transferred RTI application to DDPO, SAS Nagar who has further transferred to BDPO cum EO, Panchayat Samiti, Majri. The BDPO has again transferred the RTI application to Chanranjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary cum PIO Gram Panchayat Siswan, Block Majri who was absent consecutively twice in the hearings.-

Viewing the defying attitude towards dealing the RTI application, **Sh.Charnajit Singh Panchayat Secretary** cum PIO Gram Panchayat Siswa, Block Majri, SAS Nagar is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on his for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) o-f the RTI Act,2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the



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information for detriment suffered by him. In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also 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 take a note that in cas-e he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte, on merit.

6. That the PIO is hereby directed to submit response/supply the sought information to the appellant before the next date of hearing and further directed to remain present on the next date of- hearing. The case is adjourned.

7. To come up on 10.04.2023 at 12.30 P.M. to be heard through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

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Dated 01.03.2023
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(Suresh Arora)
Chief information Commissioner, Punjab