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Jasbir Singh,

Guru Nanak Nagar, Village – Bholapur Jhabewal, P.O. Ramgarh, District – Ludhiana - 141123(Punjab) (98882-96107)

....Appellant

V/s

i) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Director General of Police, Punjab Police Head Quarter, Sector - 9, Chandigarh

ii) Public Information Officer,

(Regd. Post)

O/o The Asstt. Inspector General of Police(Admin.-II), Punjab Bureau of Investigation,

Punjab Police Head Quarter, Sector - 9, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Director General of Police, Punjab Police Head Quarter, Sector - 9, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3889 of 2022

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

- i) Sh. Purshotam Kumar, A. S. I.(94171-31510) O/o D. G. P., Punjab;
- ii) Sh. Amrit Singh, Senior Assistant(M.-98775-89262) O/o Bureau of Investigation, Punjab;
- i) Sh. Bhoora Ali, Head Constable (M.-99155-467876), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

- 2. The RTI request is dated 18.05.2022. First appeal is dated 24.06.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.08.2022.
- 3. This case was last heard on 18.10.2022 vide which Public Information Officer, office of Asstt. Inspector General of Police (Admin.-II), Bureau of Investigation, Punjab was impleaded as necessary party with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request with a copy to the Commission.

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- 4. The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, is not present in today's hearing but through an e-mail dated 07.11.2022, he has intimated the Commission that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date. The same is taken on record.
- 5. Sh. Purshotam Kumar, A. S. I. office of D. G. P., Punjab, appeared in today's hearing.
- 6. Sh. Amrit Singh, Senior Assistant and Sh. Bhoora Ali, Head Constable office of Bureau of Investigation, Punjab, appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing without any reply/information. They are not aware about the facts of the case.
- 7. It is observed that the respondents are being represented by very low level officials who are not in a position to satisfy the commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of low level officials will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also award of compensation to the appellant and also recommendation of disciplinary action against the PIO under Section 20 of RTI Act, 2005.
- Sh. Amrit Sing, O/o BOI Punjab states that the concerned PIO/ APIO is on leave for two months. Since, the post of the PIO is stated to be vacant, therefore, Director General of Punjab is requested to take appropriate action for appointment of additional PIO / APIO so that public at large is not put inconvenience in the absence of the regular PIO/APIO.
- 8. Further last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant or submit a point-wise reply to the queries raised by the appellant through his RTI request.

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9. To come up on 19th December, 2022 (Monday) at 12:00 P. M. for hearing for further proceedings in the Commission.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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

Date: 16th November, 2022

(Regd. Post)

The Director General of Police, Punjab, Police Head Quarter, Sector - 9, Chandigarh (to take necessary action)