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Sh. Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Nagar Village Bholapur, Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh, Distt. Ludhiana

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o EO, Nagar Panchayat Guruan, Distt.Mohali

First Appellate Authority, O/o EO, Nagar Panchayat Guruan, Distt.Mohali

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5034 of 2022

Present: (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh the appellant

(ii) for the respondent: Sh. Simranpal Singh, Accountant-cum-APIO

(9814677026)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 25.07.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.01.2023 in the Commission.
- 3. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
- 4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant has not received any information so far. Sh. Simarnpal Singh is appearing on behalf of the respondent is not aware about the facts of the case. This shows that the respondent-PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.
- 5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the record available on file it emerges that PIO has delayed/ denied in providing the information to the complainant. In view of the above, **PIO-** EO, Nagar Panchayat Guruan, Distt.Mohali is directed to show cause in writing or

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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 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.

Date: 4th January, 2023

6. To come up on 24.01.2023 at 12.00 PM for further proceedings in the Commission.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon) **State Information Commissioner**

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