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#### Nitin Kumar Gupta,

H. No. 19713, Street No. 10 A, Ajit Road, Bathinda - 151001(Punjab) (M.-7355424832)

....Appellant

V/s

## **Public Information Officer**,

O/o The Station House officer, Zirakpur (Punjab)

## First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Sr. Supdt.of Police, S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali)(Punjab)

...Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 6289 of 2022**

Present: Sh. Nitin Kumar Gupta, the appellant in person.

Sh. Dharam Singh, A. S. I. (M.-9855438572), on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

Heard in the Commission.

- 2. The RTI request is dated 08.09.2022. First appeal is dated 19.10.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.12.2022.
- 3. The appellant, Sh. Nitin Kumar Gupta, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.
- 4. Sh. Dharam Singh, A. S. I., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 5430 dated 01.02.2023 alongwith supporting documents.

Original reply is handed over to the appellant. Copy is taken on record. The appellant has gone through the same and states that he is not satisfied with the same.

5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file, it is observed that the reply of the respondent is not satisfactory. It is observed that the respondents are being represented by low level officials who are not in a position to satisfy the commission and

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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.

6. To come up on <u>27<sup>th</sup> February</u>, <u>2023 at 12:00 P. M. for hearing</u>. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Date: 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

CC: SHO, Zirakpur