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Mohammad Aslam S/o Sh. Gulzar Shah, Village – Pharwahi, Tehsil – Dhuri, Distt. - Sangrur (Punjab) (M: 9417019148)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Chairman, Punjab Waqf Board, SCO 1062-1063, Himalaya Marg, Sector 22B, Chandigarh – 160022

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Chairman, Punjab Waqf Board, SCO 1062-1063, Himalaya Marg, Sector 22B, Chandigarh – 160022

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 869 of 2023

Present: Mohammad Aslam, the appellant in person.

Ms. Tanu, RTI Clerk (M.-6284011960), on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard in the Commission.

- 2. The RTI request is dated 09.12.2019. First appeal is dated Nil. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.01.2023.
- 3. This case was earlier fixed for hearing on 14.03.2023, which was postponed for today i. e. 17.03.2023
- 4. Ms. Tanu, RTI Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.
- 5. The appellant, Sh. Mohammad Aslam, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information given to him is incomplete. Further, he states that regarding point no. 3, the Respondent-PIO had demanded documentation fee from the him. He had deposited the same but accordingly, the complete information was not provided to him.
- 6. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that the complete information has not been provided to the Appellant. Further, the respondent appearing today is not in a position to satisfy the Commission office.

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

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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.

- In view of the above, PIO-Sh Mohammad Aslam, ADO is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing along with the complete original record pertaining to the RTI of the Appellant. Further, he is also directed to file his point-wise specific reply, on affidavit on the next date of hearing.
- With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 12th April, 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

Date :17th March, 2023

CC: PIO-Sh Mohammad Aslam, (*through registered post*) Administrative Officer,
O/o The Chairman, Punjab Waqf Board,
SCO 1062-1063, Himalaya Marg,
Sector 22B, Chandigarh – 160022