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Sh. Chander Pratap,

S/o Sh. Swami, Ward No.2,

Kala Manj Kothi, G.T.Road,

Mukheria, Distt: Hoshiarpur.

…Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**,

O/o Principal Secretary,

Govt.,of Punjab, Welfare Deptt.,

SC & BC, Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

**Complainant Case No. 1220 of 2017**

**PRESENT:** (i) None is present on behalf of the complainant

(ii) Sh. Ashwani Parshar, Advocate on behalf of the Housefed.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.08.2018.

2. The complainant is absent for today’s hearing.

3. Sh. Ashwani Parshar, Advocate is appearing on behalf of the o/o Housefed and files written reply mentioning therein that the Housefed is a cooperative society registered under the provisions of the Punjab cooperative societies Act, 1961 and department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities, Government of Punjab, has directed to Housefed to provide information on four points mentioned in the letter, which cannot be provided under the RTI Act as the Housefed is not a public authority. He has further requested that the Housefed may not be forced to appear before this Hon’ble Commission as the Housefed is not a public authority for the time being as the matter is pending for final adjudication in the Hon’ble Punjab and Haryana High Court.

4. A letter has been received from the respondent in the Commission vide diary no. 17817 dated 31.08.2018 in which the respondent has given the directions to the PIO o/o Housefed to provide the information on four points.

5. During the last hearing dated 02.08.2018, the respondent stated that he has joined in the month of July, 2018 and former PIO has supplied the information to the complainant vide letter dated 06.07.2018. At today’s hearing, none is present on behalf of the respondent. The PIO is directed to appear personally and file an affidavit

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in response to the show cause notice. He is also directed to convey the orders of the Commission to the former PIO to appear personally alongwith the written reply that on what basis the information has been delayed, on the next date of hearing, failing which penalty will be initiated against both the PIOs for non compliance the orders of the Commission.

6. The PIO o/o Housefed is exempted from further appearances, in the Commission.

7. The matter to come up for further hearing on **30.10.2018 at 11.00 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**Chandigarh (Prof. Viney Kapoor Mehra)**

**12.09.2018 State Information Commissioner**

*Note: After the hearing was over, Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Sr. Assistant appeared on behalf of the PIO. He was briefed out the above said order.*

**Sd/-**

**Chandigarh (Prof. Viney Kapoor Mehra)**

**12.09.2018 State Information Commissioner**

**CC: PIO o/o Housefed, Sector:34, Chandigarh. (Regd. Post)**