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CORRIGENDUM

(To be substituted for the order bearing same date)

Shri Sandeep Kumar Maluja, (96465-46613)

S/o Shri Om Parkash,
R/o Street No. 2, Near Shani Dev Mandir, Patel Nagar,
Malout, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3322 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **23.07.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent, but an email dated 12.11.2025 has been received from him mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and also mentioned that the sought information is still pending. He further requests that penalty be imposed on the respondent PIO for delaying the information. The said mail is taken on record.

3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that at the last hearing held on 23.07.2025, a show cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO O/o Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot. Despite the show cause notice issued vide this Commission's order, he has even not bothered to inform the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

5. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one last opportunity** to respondent PIO O/o RTA, Faridkot, to be present personally on the next date of hearing along with the complete information. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to initiate penalties as per the RTI Act, 2005. The respondent PIO O/o RTA, Faridkot, is hereby reminded that he is still under the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order of 23.07.2025.

6. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

7. **To come up on 30.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 13.11.2025

(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab