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Sh. Raj Singh s/o Sh. Inder Singh,
VPO Walle Shah Uthar (Behak),
Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Fazilka

First Appellate Authority
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Fazilka

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2783 of 2021
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16 December 2021 vide which the case was adjourned for 24 January 2022 but due to administrative reasons the case could not be heard on the said date and further adjourned for 24 March 2022.

2. This case was earlier heard by the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. As he has demitted the office, therefore, the case was reallocated to this bench. The appellant is absent without intimation. An effort was made to contact him on his mobile number 9464343135 but he could not be contacted despite making number of efforts.

3. After going through the case file, it has transpired that the appellant has sought the third-party information. Accordingly, the appellant is directed to establish the public interest involved in seeking the third party information before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

4. Also the respondent Public Information Officer is directed to pay the compensation to the appellant, as has already been awarded, amounting to Rs.3000 before the next date of hearing. Also, no reply has been received from the Public Information Officer o/o the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Fazilka regarding show cause notice issued to him on 30 November 2021 for the imposition of penalty in this case. One opportunity is granted to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Fazilka to file his reply before the next date of hearing failing which ex-parte decision will be taken on the next Date of hearing.

5. To come up on 27.4.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka

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Dated: 24.3.2022

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.