PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

H.S Hundal, S/o Sh. A.S. Hundal, # 203, Judicial Courts, Mohali-160071

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Tehsildar, Moga. First Appellate Authority, o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Moga.

Appeal Case No. 1095 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **22.7.2021**, **22.12.2021**, **22.2.2022**, **8.6.2022**, **and 2.8.2022**)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **18.11.20** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> regarding the working of the Patwari and Sadar Kanungo of Moga Mahela Singh in 13 points, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.12.20**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **1.3.21** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **2.8.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. The appellant has informed the Commission of his inability to attend this hearing. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. At the last hearing on 2.8.2022, the respondent PIO, represented at that hearing by Sh. Satnam Singh, Office Kanungo, was granted One week from the date of receipt of that Order, to supply duly certified copies of all the requested information. As per appellant's email Dated 5.10.2022, no information has been provided by the respondent PIO.
- 3. In view of the above, the Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice.
- 4. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Moga</u>, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **18.11.2020**.

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"In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*." Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

5. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 Signature of the PIO Name of the PIO Name of the Public Authority Date

6. <u>Next hearing on 25.11.2022 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.</u>

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 6.10.2022

Cc: Sub Divisional Magistrate, Moga, for information and further necessary action.