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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Rajiv,**  
S/o Sh. Sushil Kumar,  
# 50, Keshav Nagar, Kukitab Chowk,  
Mithapur Road, Jalandhar.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Superintendent Engineer,  
Jalandhar Drainage Division,  
Jalandhar.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Superintendent Engineer,  
Jalandhar Drainage Division,  
Jalandhar.

### Appeal Case No. 2153 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 18.8.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **26.3.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Letter No. 2618-19/1L Dated 26.8.201**, in four points, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **2.5.2022**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **2.5.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **18.8.2022**.

2. Both parties are absent for the second successive hearing. The respondent PIO is absent despite the Notice of Hearing issued on 27.5.2022 and this Commission's Order of 18.8.2022. In view of this, the Commission deems it fit to issue the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent **PIO, office of Superintendent Engineer, Jalandhar Drainage Division, Jalandhar**, 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 **26.3.2022**.

“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.

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4. The respondent PIO is further directed to submit a written reply to the RTI application along with requested information within 20 days of receipt of this Order. Failure to comply, shall invite a penal action as per the RTI Act, 2005.

5. **Next hearing on 25.11.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Jalandhar.**

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh  
21.10.2022

**Cc:** Superintendent Engineer, Jalandhar Drainage Division, Jalandhar, for information and further necessary action.