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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Tejinder Singh,

Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Tehsildar Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar. First Appellate Authority, o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Phillaur, Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No. 2282 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 **14.10.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>regarding unproved colonies</u>, in four points, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.12.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.5.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **18.8.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are absent without intimation. This RTI application was submitted on 14.10.2022, since when the respondent PIO has not provided any reply/information to the appellant. In view of the above, the Commission deems it fit to issue the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice to the respondent PIO.
- 3. The respondent <u>PIO, office of Tehsildar Phillaur, Jalandhar</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 **14.10.2021**.

"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 PIO is further directed to supply a pointwise reply to the RTI application within 20 days of the receipt of this Order along with requested information. A copy of the same is to be submitted to the Commission.
- 5. Next hearing on 18.11.2022_at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Jalandhar.

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 21.10.2022

Cc: Sub Divisional Magistrate, Phillaur, Jalandhar, for information and further

necessary action.