PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Bimla Devi, W/o Sh. Girdhari Lal, #B484, Street No. 2/7 A, Guru Nanak Colony, Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Deputy Superintendent of Police, Nabha, Patiala. First Appellate Authority, Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3278 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Devinder Kumar Sharma (for the Appellant) 99885-51616 (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **4.5.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding the DSP Nabha's report to the SSP Patiala etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **13.5.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.7.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **9.11.2022**.
- 2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. It is notable, that this RTI application was submitted to the office of DSP Nabha, who has not sent any reply or provided the requested information till date. Instead, the office of SSP, Patiala, has submitted a reply to the Commission's Notice of Hearing which is not in consonance with the RTI Act, 2005. The Commission deems it fit to issue the respondent PIO-cum-DSP, Nabha with this Show Cause notice.
- 3. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-DSP</u>, <u>Nabha</u>, <u>Sh. Devinder Attri</u>, <u>PPS</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 **4.5.2022**.

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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.

- 4. The PIO-cum-DSP, Nabha, is further directed to be present in person at the next hearing of this Appeal Case.
- 5. <u>Next hearing on 14.12.2022 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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

Chandigarh 9.11.2022

Cc: Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, for information and further necessary action.