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## **REGISTERED** **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**

**Tejinder Singh**, Advocate,  
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,  
Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur,  
Distt. Jalandhar.

Versus

**Public Information Officer**,  
o/o District Mining Officer,  
Jalandhar.

**First Appellate Authority**,  
District Mining Officer,  
Jalandhar.

### **Appeal Case No. 3624 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **1.4.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding approved sand mines etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.6.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **5.8.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **21.10.2022**.
2. Both parties are absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, office of District Mining Officer, Jalandhar, is absent, despite the Notice of Hearing issued to him vide this Commission on 30.8.2022. This RTI application was submitted on 1.4.2022, whereafter the respondent PIO was denied the information vide Letter No. 269 Dated 24.5.2022.
3. The Commission has gone through the PIO's reply and is of the view that this is not in consonance with the RTI Act, 2005. The Commission deems it fit to issue the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice.
4. The respondent **PIO, office of District Mining Officer, 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 **1.4.2022**.

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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.

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

6. **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:** District Mining Officer, Jalandhar, for information and further necessary action.