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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Vikas Kumar,
13-B/A, Rattan Nagar,
Tripuri, Patiala-147004

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3692 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **12.5.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a letter – No. 41/46 dated 8.2.2018 from the Phutkal Branch, DC Office etc. in three points**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **27.6.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.8.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **9.11.2022**.

2. Both parties are absent. While the appellant has informed the Commission of his inability to attend this hearing, the respondent PIO is absent without intimation. The Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO office of DC, Patiala, with this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent **PIO office of DC, Patiala**, 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 **12.5.2022**.

“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.

4. **Next hearing on 14.12.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.**

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

Chandigarh
9.11.2022

Cc: Deputy Commissioner, Patiala, for information and further necessary action.