## PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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#### REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

#### Karnail Singh,

S/o Chhanga Singh, #378, New Azad Nagar, Ferozepur City.

### Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Superintendent Engineer-mining, Water Sources & Irrigation Department, Ferozepur. First Appellate Authority,

o/o Superintendent Engineering-mining, Water Sources & Irrigation Department, Ferozepur.

### Appeal Case No. 3839 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Karnail Singh (Appellant) 98769-44476 (Respondent) Absent

### ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **22.7.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Sub Tehsil Mamdot**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.8.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.8.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **3.11.2022**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. This RTI application was submitted on 22.7.2022 since when there has been no reply/information supplied to the appellant. The Commission deems it fit to issue this Cause Notice to the PIO, office of Superintendent Engineer, Mining, Water Resources and irrigation, Ferozepur.

3. The respondent <u>PIO, office of Superintendent Engineer, Mining, Water Resources and irrigation, Ferozepur</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 **22.7.2022**.

"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. Next hearing on 16.12.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ferozepur.

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

Chandigarh 3.11.2022

**Cc:** Superintendent Engineering-mining, Water Sources & Irrigation Department, Ferozepur, for information and further necessary action.