

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Yogesh Mahajan,
S/o Late Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,
Opp. Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o XEN, Jalandhar Mechanical Draining
Division, Nangal Township,
Roopnagar.

First Appellate Authority,
Superintendent Engineer,
-cum-Draining Circle,
Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 4030 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Yogesh Mahajan (Appellant) 98143-54649
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **1.6.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Certificate stating that the matter under appeal/complaint have not been previously filed**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **5.7.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **31.8.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **17.1.2023**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. This RTI application was submitted on 1.6.2022 and the respondent PIO has not provided any information till date. The Commission deems it fit to issue the respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Jalandhar Mechanical Division with this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent **PIO-cum-XEN, Jalandhar Mechanical Division, Nangal Township, Roopnagar**, 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 **1.6.2022**.

“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 14.3.2023 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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

Chandigarh
17.1.2023

Cc: Superintendent Engineer-cum-Draining Circle, Patiala, for information and further necessary action.