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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Bhinder Kaur,

W/o Sh. Raj Singh, Vill. Todarwal,PO Babarpur, Tehsil Nabha, Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o SHO, PS Kotwali, Nabha, Patiala.
Public Information Officer, o/o Senior Superintended of Police, Patiala.
First Appellate Authority, IGP,Patiala Range, Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 4086 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Bhinder Kaur (Appellant) 98142-41257 Amandeep Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 97791-28209 ASI Gursewak Singh (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **11.6.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding copies of letters/orders**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **14.7.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **2.9.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **6.12.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The appellant Smt. Bhinder Kasur is present in person. This RTI application was submitted on 11.6.2022 and the respondent PIO has failed to provide any reply or information to date. The Commission **impleads the SHO, PS Kotwali, Nabha, as the deemed PIO** in this Appeal Case and deems it fit to issue him with this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-SHO, PS Kotwali, Nabha</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 **11.6.2022**.

"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. The PIO-cum-SHO, PS Kotwali, Nabha, **Sh. Harry Boparai**, is further directed to submit a written pointwise reply to the RTI application along with duly attested copies of the requested information as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. For information where he seeks exemption from disclosure, he must cite relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. <u>Next hearing on 26.12.2022 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> <u>Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.</u>

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

Chandigarh 6.12.2022

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