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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Aditya Singla,**  
# 3939/1, Mohalla Shamsheer Singh,  
Triveni Chowk,  
Patiala.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o XEN Devigarh Division,  
Trivaini Chowk,  
Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
Superintendent Engineer,  
B.M.L. Circle,  
Patiala.

### Appeal Case No. 4279 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Aditya Singla (Appellant) 98887-15348  
Pawan Bishnoi, SDO (for the Respondent) 99154-17101

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **25.5.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding MB, DVD, Log Book, inspection note of SDO, XEN, SE, and Vigilance and building control etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **12.7.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.9.2022** 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 respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Devigarh Division, Department of Water Resources, Punjab, is represented by Sh. Pawan Bishnoi, SDO, who states that he has no knowledge of this case and has only been sent to mark a presence.
3. The Commission notes that this RTI application was filed on 25.5.2022, since when there has been no reply or information provided to the appellant. Under the circumstances, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice to the respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Devigarh Division, Department of Water Resources, Punjab Patiala, **Sh. Harpreet Singh**.
4. The respondent **PIO-cum-XEN, Devigarh Division, Department of Water Resources, Punjab, Patiala, Sh. Harpreet Singh,** 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 **25.5.2022**.

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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 PIO-cum-XEN, is further directed to submit a pointwise reply to this RTI application along with duly attested copies of the requested information before the next hearing. The PIO-cum-XEN, Sh. Harpreet Singh, is further directed to attend the next hearing of this Appeal Case in person at Chandigarh in the Commission. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

**6. Next hearing on 10.1.2023 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  
6.12.2022

**Cc:** Superintendent Engineer, BML Circle, Patiala, for information and further necessary action.