

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Harpreet Singh,
S/o Sh. Gurdip Singh,
R/o Daburjit, Tehsil Tarn Taran.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Tehsildar, Tarn Taran.
First Appellate Authority,
Tehsildar, Tarn Taran.

Appeal Case No. 4581 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Harpreet Singh (Appellant) 96468-35828
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 9.12.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **21.4.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Letter No. RRC/688 Dated 4.3.2022 of SDM, Tarn Taran**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.9.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.9.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **9.12.2022**.

2. The respondent PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Tarn Taran, is absent for the second successive hearing. The Commission deems it fit to serve PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Tarn Taran, with this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent **PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Tarn Taran**, 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 **21.4.2022**.

“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. The PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Tarn Taran, is directed to attend the next hearing in person. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through **Bailable Warrant**.

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5. Next hearing on 28.2.2023 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
11.1.2023

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