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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Ashok Kumar,
S/o Late Sh. Sham Lal,
R/o Bank Street, New Basti Nabha,
Distt. Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o District Food and Supply Controller,
DC Complex, 2nd Floor, Sangrur.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Director, Food and Supply,
Anaj Bhawan, Sector 39-C,
Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 4731 of 2022

PRESENT:

Shivam Goyal (Son of the Appellant) 97801-50888

Yogesh, Clerk (for the Respondent) 92565-58030

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **23.6.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Ashoka Rice Mills, Nabha Rice Mills, and Goyal Rice Mills**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.7.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.10.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.1.2023**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Yogesh, Clerk, states that a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 8492 Dated 12.12.2022 with partial information and also informed that the record for the year 2010-11 is not traceable. The appellant, who is present in person, however, states that he has not received any reply/information from the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-DFSC, Sangrur, Sh. Narinder Singh, is hereby directed to submit copy of the reply purportedly sent to the appellant along with duly attested copies of the accompanying information. The Commission also notes, that the reply purported to have sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant, is delayed by nearly six months. In view of this, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-DFSC, Sangrur Sh. Narinder Singh.

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4. The respondent **PIO-cum-DFSC, Sangrur Sh. Narinder 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 **23.6.2022**.

“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.

5. **Next hearing on 1.3.2023 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
19.1.2023

Cc: Director, PUNGRAIN, Anaj Bhawan, Sector 39-C, Chandigarh, for information and further necessary action.