

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Devinder Kumar Sharma,
S/o Girdhari Lal,
B484, St.No. 2/7 A,
Guru Nanak Colony, Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Patiala.

Complaint Case No. 485 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Devinder Kumar Sharma (Complainant) 99885-51616
ASI Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 62399-82833

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Devinder Kumar Sharma**, filed this RTI application dated **1.6.2022** and sought information regarding Order of 29.4.2022 in case of AC No. 4821 of 2021, from the PIO o/o **SSP, Patiala**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **27.7.2022**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **9.11.2022**.
2. Both parties are present. The complainant is present in person. In a reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing, the respondent PIO has made a submission vide Letter No. 2358 Dated 17.10.2022, by way of a pointwise reply to the RTI application.
3. The Commission however, notes that the respondent PIO has failed to provide any reply/information to the complainant Sh. Devinder Kumar Sharma, despite the passage of nearly four months. The Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO-cum-SSP, Patiala, with this Show Cause Notice.
4. The respondent **PIO-cum-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala**, 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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5. **Next hearing on 14.12.2022 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
9.11.2022

Cc: Inspector General of Police, Patiala Range, Patiala, for information and further necessary action.