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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Akashdeep Singh,

R/o Village Butler, Distt. Moga.

Versus

Public Information Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Zila Parishad, Moga.

Complaint Case No. 590 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Akashdeep Singh (Complainant) 98551-61005 (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Akashdeep Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **6.4.2022** and sought information <u>regarding Grants of Fourteenth Finance Commission</u>, from the PIO o/o **Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Moga**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **13.9.2022**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.1.2023**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without any intimation. As per the complainant Sh. Akashdeep Singh, the respondent PIO has not provided any reply or information till date. Under the circumstances, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice to the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Zila Parishad, Moga</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 **6.4.2022**.

"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. <u>Next hearing on 28.2.2023_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.