

# **PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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Shri Sukrit Sharda, (98881 20963)  
R/o 50/186, Old Shahpur Road,  
Pathankot – 145001

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o XEN, Provincial Division,  
Public Works Department (B & R),  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Superintendent Engineer,  
Construction Circle,  
Public Works Department (B & R), Ludhiana.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 1452 OF 2022**

**PRESENT:** Shri Sukrit Sharda, Appellant.  
None on behalf of the Respondents

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the order dated 08.08.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The Appellant appears in person and states that information sought has not been provided to him.

3. The PIO is again absent for today's hearing and he was also absent on the last hearings dated 08.08.2022, inspite of the Notice/Orders of the Commission. This shows his disregard to the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case.

4. The perusal of the case reveals that the PIO has not provided complete information to the appellant even after the lapse of 11 months' period.

5. In view of the above, a **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE** under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act is issued to the Public Information Officer O/o XEN/Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD (B & R), Ludhiana, as to why penalty should not be imposed upon him for wilful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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6. The PIO is directed to file a reply in response to the Show Cause Notice and appear personally, on the next date fixed.

7. The PIO is again directed to provide the remaining information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. In case information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is directed to file an Affidavit in this regard and produce the same before the Bench, on the next date of hearing, failing which **penalty of Rs. 25000/-** will be imposed upon him.

8. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **30.11.2022 at 11:30 AM in the Commission.** Both the parties are directed to come present in person, before the Bench.

**Chandigarh  
12.10.2022**

Sd/-  
(Maninder Singh Patti)  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab