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**Sh. Amarjit Singh (9464662303)**

S/o Shri Harnek Singh,

R/o H. No. MCB Z -8-03019,

Street Number 09, Baba Deep Singh Nagar, Bathinda.

Appellant

Versus

**Show-Cause**

**Public Information Officer (By Name)**

(Regd. Post) O/o The Tehsildar, Maur, District Bathinda.

**First Appellate Authority**

(Regd. Post) O/o The SDM, Maur, District Bathinda.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 5511 of 2021**

**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Appellant: Sh. Amarjit Singh is present through webex.

Respondent: None is present from the Department in person.

**ORDER:**

1. This case may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 26.07.2022.
2. In today's hearing, the Appellant, Shri Amarjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. On the other hand, none is present from the department.
4. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as information still has to be supplied to the Appellant and today nobody appears from the department.
5. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Tehsildar, Maur, Distt. Bathinda** is directed to Show Cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.
6. In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.
7. After going through the case file, it is observed that a letter number 96 dated 26.08.2022 received from the Tehsildar Maur vide diary number 1957 dated 31.08.2022 stating therein record is lying at the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda, which is taken on record.
8. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority i.e. the SDM, Maur, District Bathinda **through registered post** for the compliance of this order and to look into the matter as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, not for the harassment of the public.
9. Both the parties are directed to appear in the Commission on the next of hearing before the bench of undersigned positively.
10. **To come up on 10.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 11.10.2022**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**