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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Sh. Vijay Kumar Arora,
S/o Sh. Ganga Ram, Junior Assisatant
(Retd.), House No. 4/1917/A, Madhav Nagari,
Adjoining to Dawra Factory, Fazilka

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chief Engineer, PWD B&R, Patiala.
First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, PWD B&R, Punjab.

Appeal Case No. 2867 of 2023

PRESENT:

Sh. Vijay Kumar Arora (Appellant) 9779972246
(Respondent) Absent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **09.12.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding **the proceedings of Departmental selection Committee regarding appellant's regularization etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.01.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.04.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

2. The appellant is present. The respondent PIO-cum- Chief Engineer, PWD B&R, Patiala, is absent despite the Notice of Hearing issued to him / her. This RTI application was submitted on **09.12.2022** and there is nothing on record to show that the PIO has made any attempt to address the same. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue a **Show Cause Notice to the respondent PIO.**

3. The respondent **PIO-cum- Chief Engineer, PWD B&R, 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 **09.12.2022**. If there are other PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.

“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.”

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4. The respondent **PIO-cum- Chief Engineer, PWD B&R, Patiala**, is further directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along with a written, point wise reply to the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

5. Next hearing on 29.04.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Sd/-

(ASITJOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

26.03.2024