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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Vikramjeet,

S/o Late Sh. Babu Ram, R/o Bharat Nagar,(Basti Bhatia Wali), Street Kumar Wali,Near Surinder Cable Wala, Ferozepur-152002.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Deputy Controller(Finance & Accounts), Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Health Department Wing, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1382 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Vikramjeet (Appellant) 78146-4119 (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **24.8.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Jaspal Aliance Jassa**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **2.2.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.3.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **12.10.2022**.

2. The respondent PIO-cum-DCFA, MC, Ludhiana is absent without intimation. The appellant has meanwhile, travelled all the way from Ferozepur to Ludhiana, to attend this Hearing. The Commission takes a very serious view of the PIO-cum-DCFA's absence as well as the fact that he has not supplied any information or reply to this RTI application, which was submitted on 24.8.2021.

3. The PIO-cum-DCFA, MC, Ludhiana, **Sh. Pankaj Garg**, is herewith issued this Show Cause Notice.

4. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-DCFA, MC, Ludhiana, Sh. Pankaj Garg</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 **24.8.2021**.

"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. The PIO-cum-DCFA is further directed to submit a written, pointwise reply to the RTI application along with duly attested copies of all the requested information within 20 days of receipt of this Order. Failure to comply, could invite penal action as per the RTI Act, 2005. The PIO-cum-DCFA, MC, Ludhiana is also directed to attend the next Hearing of this appeal in person at the Commission. The appellant can attend the Hearing at DC office, Ferozepur.

6. <u>Next hearing on 7.12.2022 at 11.30 am</u> (The appellant will attend the hearing via Video Conference Facility at DC Office Ferozepur and the respondent PIO will attend the hearing at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.)

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY) State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 12.10.2022