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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Daljit Singh,**  
S/o Sh. Satnam Singh,  
# 23/7, Friends Colony (Opposite DAV College),  
Jalandhar.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Assistant Town Planner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Jalandhar  
**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar,  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Jalandhar.

### Appeal Case No. 1588 of 2021

PRESENT:

Daljit Singh (Appellant) 99149-77731  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.7.2021, 2.9.2021, 19.10.2021, 17.11.2021, 2.12.2021, 14.12.2021, 21.12.2021, 18.2.2022, 19.5.2022, and 18.8.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **4.11.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding House No. 144, Banda Bahadur Nagar, Near Tagore Hospital, Jalandhar,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **8.1.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard **on 18.8.2022.**

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. This Appeal Case was Disposed of on 18.8.2022, whereon the Respondent PIO-cum-ATP, MC, Sector 17, Jalandhar, submitted copy of an affidavit along with some of the information sought. This was received via e-mail from the APIO-cum-Building Inspector Sh. Paul Parmeet Singh on 17.8.2022. The Respondent PIO was also directed in that Order to send the original affidavit and attested copies of the appended information to the appellant within 10 days. The Appeal Case was Disposed off on the assurance of the Respondent. The appellant Sh. Daljit Singh, has however, submitted a number of pleas to the Commission stating that he has neither received the affidavit nor the information to date. The Appeal case was accordingly re-opened and both parties were notified for today's hearing. This RTI application has been pending since 4.11.2020 and the requested information has still not been supplied to the appellant.

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3. The PIO-cum-ATP, M.C., Sector 17, Jalandhar, is hereby directed to submit the original affidavit, copy of which was emailed to the Commission on 17.8.2022, along with the pointwise reply to the RTI application and the related information. This must be done in 10 days of receipt of this Order. The Commission also deems it fit to issue the show cause notice to Smt. Sushma Duggal, who was incumbent PIO-cum-ATP when this Appeal Case was last heard by the Commission on 18.8.2022.

4. The respondent **PIO-cum-ATP, Smt. Sushma Duggal**, 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 **4.11.2020**.

“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.

5. The e-mail received from the then APIO-cum-Building Inspector Sh. Paul Parmeet Singh on 17.8.2022 be forwarded to the e-mail address provided by the appellant along with all attachments.

**6. Next hearing on 12.1.2023 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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

Chandigarh  
16.12.2022

**Cc:** Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar, for information and further necessary action.