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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Gurmej Lal

1331-5, Street No 5,
Vishawkarma Bhawan, Down Canal Road, Simlapuri,
Ludhiana – 141003.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Executive Engineer, Light Branch Zone C,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer,

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 197 of 2022

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 15.7.2022 and 8.9.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **21.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a complaint with Diary No. 1874-PS-R Dated 9.2.2021**, enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.10.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.12.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **8.9.2022**.

2. Both parties are absent. The information from the Light Branch Zone C is still pending, despite the Commission's direction on 8.9.2022. The Commission deems it fit to issue this PIO-cum-XEN, Light Branch Zone C, MC, Ludhiana, with this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent **PIO-cum-XEN, Light Branch Zone C, MC, Ludhiana**, 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 **21.9.2021**.

“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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4. Next hearing on 1.12.2022 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

1.11.2022

Cc: Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana, for information and further necessary action.