

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Mohit Garu,
S/o Sh. Dalip Kumar,
B-2-698/6-E, Chhawani Mohalla,
Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o XEN, Establishment Branch, O&M Cell,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 202 of 2021

PRESENT:
(Appellant) Absent
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:
(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **26.8.2021, 19.10.2021, 11.5.2022, 1.11.2022, and 13.12.2022**)

1. The RTI application is dated **19.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Temporary employees posted in Zone-D of MC Ludhiana**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.11.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **13.12.2022**.
2. Both parties are absent. At the last hearing on 13.12.2022, the PIO, Establishment Branch, O&M Cell, MC, Ludhiana, was directed to provide the requested information within 20 days. The said PIO has failed to comply. The Commission deems it fit to issue the PIO, Establishment Branch, MC, Ludhiana, with this Show Cause Notice.
3. The respondent **PIO-XEN, Establishment Branch, O&M Cell, Sh. Purshotam Lal**, 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 **19.10.2020**.

“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.

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4. Next hearing on 7.2.2023 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
12.1.2023

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