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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Suresh Sood,
S/o Sh. Dev Dutt Sood,
329-330, Street Sood, Mohalla Sodha,
District Moga.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
District Moga.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
District Moga.

Appeal Case No. 217 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Suresh Sood (Appellant) 94171-27482
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **21.4.2022** and **5.8.2022**)

1. The RTI application is dated **30.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding stores/places for keeping the files etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **1.11.2021** 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 **5.8.2022**.
2. The respondent PIO is absent for the second successive hearing without any intimation. This RTI application was submitted on 30.9.2021, whereafter, as per the appellant, he has only received partial information by way of a reply by the Sanitary Department of MC, Moga.
3. In view of the above, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO, office of Commissioner, MC, Moga.
4. The respondent **PIO, office of Commissioner, MC, Moga**, 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 **5.8.2022**.

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“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. Next hearing on 8.12.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Moga.

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

Chandigarh
20.10.2022

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