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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Vikas Chander Sharma**, Advocate,  
Chamber No. 10 A, District Court,  
Opposite Giani Tea Stall, Amritsar – 143 001.

Versus

**Public Information Officer**,  
o/o Superintendent Headquarters,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

**Public Information Officer**,  
o/o Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**,  
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

### Appeal Case No. 2316 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **18.11.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding enquiry conducted by vigilance regarding mechanical machines, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.12.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.5.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **2.11.2022**.

2. Both parties are absent without intimation. An examination of the case file shows that the respondent PIO has not furnished any reply/information to the appellant till date. This RTI application was submitted to the PIO on 18.11.2021. In view of the above, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-Superintendent Headquarters, MC, Ludhiana.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent Headquarters, 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 **18.11.2021**.

“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 15.12.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility. (The appellant will attend the hearing at DC Office, Amritsar and the respondent PIO will attend the hearing at DC Office, Ludhiana.)

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

Chandigarh  
2.11.2022

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