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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Rajesh Kumar Sharma,
S/o Sh. Kans Raj,
249, Narotam Nagar Extn.,
Khanna, District Ludhiana – 141 401

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Improvement Trust, Khanna,
District Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 2542 of 2021

PRESENT:

Rajesh Kumar Sharma (Appellant) 98146-08946
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 8.10.2021 and 10.12.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **25.11.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding building plans of residential and commercial schemes of Narotam Nagar and Narotam Nagar Extension in Khanna,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **4.1.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **31.5.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **10.12.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. At the last hearing on 2.9.2022, the respondent PIO office of Improvement Trust, Khanna, was directed to submit a notarized affidavit by way of a pointwise reply to the RTI application. The respondent PIO has failed to comply. The Commission deems it fit to issue the PIO, office of Improvement Trust, Khanna, with this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent **PIO office of Improvement Trust, Khanna,** 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 **25.11.2020**.

“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.

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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: Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), for information and further necessary action.