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Shri Rohit Sabharwal, Kundan Bhawan, 126, Model Gram, Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer

Versus

.....Appellant

O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Superintendent, RTI (HQs), Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No. 2919 of 2020

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) Shri Sanjeev Uppal, Superintendent, Tehbazari Branch, Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana- in person.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with the reference to the order dated 29.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The appellant Shri Rohit Sabharwal or his representative Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur have not come present to attend the hearing either in person or through cisco webex.. However, an e.mail dated 12.11.2022 has been received from Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur stating that no information has been supplied to the Appellant and that the appellant be exempted from personal appearance for the hearing.

3. Shri Sanjeev Uppal, Superintendent, Tehbazari Branch, Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that the information has been brought along by him and requests for perusal of the same.

4. On the asking of the Bench, as to whether reply to show cause notice has been filed and the penalty amount of Rs.15,000/- has been deposited. He replies in negative which is viewed adversely. He also shows ignorance about the manner in which the said amount of penalty has to be deposited. Then the staff of the Bench shows him the order dated 31.05.2021 wherein the head of account is mentioned in which the penalty is to be deposited. As per his request, the same is again given here under for his reference:-

-0070-Other Administrative Services-60-Other Services

-0800-Other Receipts-86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2004.



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5. The Bench does not accede to the request of the PIO –cum- Superintendent, Shri Sanjeev Uppal O/o Municipal Corporation, Tehbzari Branch, Ludhiana to peruse the information brought along by him and the PIO is directed to send the same to the appellant by registered post, to file reply to the show cause notice as also to deposit the amount of penalty Rs.15,000/- and produce the evidence for having deposited the penalty into Government Treasury, before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on
08.12.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 14.11.2022 Sd/-(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd)) State Information Commissioner, Punjab