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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Balbir Aggarwal,**  
#1525/1, Street No.33,  
Preet Nagar, Shimlapuri,  
Ludhiana.

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Tehbazari Branch Zone D,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Health Branch, Zone D  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

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

### Appeal Case No. 3237 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Balbir Aggarwal (Appellant) 94636-66155  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 10.11.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **21.4.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Section 331(1) and 331(2)**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.5.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.7.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **10.11.2022**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. This RTI application was submitted on 21.4.2022, since then there has been no reply or information provided to the appellant. The information sought in this RTI application is related to the Tahbazari Branch and Health Branch of MC, Zone D. Accordingly, the PIO Tehbazari Branch Zone D and PIO, Health Branch, Zone D, are issued this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent **PIO, Tehbazari Branch Zone D and PIO, Health Branch, Zone D, 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 **21.4.2022**.

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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.

**4. Next hearing on 10.1.2023 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  
12.12.2022

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