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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Gagandeep Singh Threke,
208, Aryan Enclave Main Sua Road,
Near Geeta Mandir Chowk,
VPO Threke, Ludhiana.

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 3295 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Ravinder Kumar, Clerk (for the Respondent) 70095-68538

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **14.4.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding plot No. 19/100J**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.5.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.7.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **14.10.2022**.

2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Clerk, states that a reply has been sent to the appellant whereby all the requested information has been denied as third party information. It is however, notable that the respondent PIO has not deemed it fit to reply this Commission's Notice of Hearing of 29.8.2022 and nor has he submitted a copy of the reply purportedly sent to the appellant or any letter received from the stated third party, to this Commission. The Commission takes a serious view of respondent PIO's conduct and deems it fit to serve him with this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent **PIO-cum-EO, Improvement Trust, Ludhiana, Sh. Rajesh Kumar**, 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 **14.4.2022**.

"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. The respondent PIO-cum-EO, Improvement Trust, Ludhiana, Sh. **Rajesh Kumar**, is hereby further directed to be present in person at the next hearing of this Appeal Case. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to ensure his presence by way of a Warrant.

5. **Next hearing on 28.10.2022 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
14.10.2022

Cc: Additional Deputy Commissioner, UD, Ludhiana, for information and further necessary action.