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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Telu Ram Jain, Modi Mill Colony,St.No.2, Nabha, Distt. Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o EO, Municipal Council, Nabha, Distt. Patiala. Public Information Officer, o/o Municipal Council, Nabha,Distt. Patiala. First Appellate Authority, Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3926 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Telu Ram Jain (Appellant) 99886-63909 (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **21.3.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding MB No. 108, 158, 178, and 179,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **7.5.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.8.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **6.12.2022**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. This RTI application was submitted on 21.3.2022 and as per the appellant, he received no information or reply from the respondent PIO-cum-EO, MC, Nabha, till date. The appellant has appended a copy of Order by First Appellate Authority-cum-ADC (UD), quoting PIO-cum-EO, MC, Nabha, that the information was provided to the appellant vide Letter No. 1944 Dated 5.7.2022. The appellant however, contends that he has received no such letter. In view of the above, the PIO-cum-EO, MC, Nabha is issued this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-EO, MC, Nabha</u>, 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 **21.3.2022**.

"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 PIO-cum-EO, MC, Nabha, is further directed to attend the next hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh.

5. <u>Next hearing on 10.1.2023_at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> <u>Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.</u>

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

Chandigarh 6.12.2022

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