

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Bhushan Jain,
392, Street No.3,
Nirmal Nagar, Dugri,
Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o License Branch Zone C,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana
First Appellate Authority,
Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4033 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **20.4.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding license fees received from shops/industries**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.6.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **31.8.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.11.2022**.
2. Both parties are absent. The Notice of Hearing was incorrectly addressed. It is now been clarified that the RTI application pertains to PIO, License Branch, Zone-C, MC, Ludhiana. Said notice be resent to the aforesaid PIO, who is directed to submit a written pointwise reply to the RTI application before the next hearing.
3. The Commission however, notes that this RTI application was submitted on 20.4.2022, since when the respondent PIO has supplied no information/reply to the appellant. Under the circumstances, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO License Branch Zone C, MC, Ludhiana.
4. The respondent **PIO, License Branch Zone C, 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 **20.4.2022**.

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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.

5. Next hearing on 1.2.2023 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
22.11.2022

- Cc:**
1. Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana, for information and further necessary action.
 2. Copy of RTI application to the PIO o/o License Branch, Zone C, MC, Ludhiana, for further necessary action.