

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Davinder Pal Singh,
S/o Sh. Gurdip Singh,
94, Hargur Niwas,
New Officers Colony,
Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
Superintendent Engineer,
Municipal Corporation,
Patiala.

Public Information Officer,
o/o Municipal Corporation,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 4256 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Amitoj, SDO (for the Respondent) 85588-12125

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **6.6.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding expenditure born for installation of split air conditioner units in the premises of building of MC, Patiala etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **8.7.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.9.2022** 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 appellant is absent but has informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing. The respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent Engineer, represented at this hearing by Sh. Amitoj, SDO, MC, Patiala, has submitted a pointwise reply, which was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 233/XEN/TP Dated 5.12.2022 along with certified copy of the requested information.

3. The Commission notes that this RTI application was submitted to the PIO on 6.6.2022 and the PIO's reply/information is inordinately delayed. In view of the above, the Commission deems it fit to issue the respondent PIO-cum-SE, MC, Patiala, Sh. Gurpreet Singh Walia, with this Show Cause Notice.

4. The respondent **PIO-cum-SE, MC, Patiala, Sh. Gurpreet Singh Walia,** 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 **6.6.2022**.

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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 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
6.12.2022

Cc: Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Patiala, for information and further necessary action.