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

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Rent and Lease, Zone C,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

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

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o House Tax Branch, Zone C,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Commissioner, Zone-C,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

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

## **Appeal Case No. 44 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Balbir Aggarwal (Appellant) 98884-82109  
Sanjeet Kumar, APIO-cum-Clerk (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **9.4.2021, 12.8.2021, 8.10.2021, 9.11.2021, 23.2.2022, and 27.5.2022**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **4.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the MC Building in Zone C**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.10.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **18.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **27.5.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Sanjeet Kumar, APIO-cum-Clerk, Tehbazari Branch, Zone C, has submitted a copy of reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 17 Dated 31.10.2022.

3. The Commission has examined said letter and is of the view that this does not address the information requested by the appellant. The Commission however, also notes that the appellant has not mentioned any time period in his RTI application, for which he wants information pertaining to the Tehbazari Branch of Zone C. Nonetheless, the PIO, Tehbazari Branch, Zone C, is hereby directed to provide copies of challans issued, as per the information sought in the RTI application, during three months period before the date of said RTI application which is 4.9.2020.

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4. At the last hearing on 27.5.2022, the respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent, Tehbazari Branch, Zone C, Sh. Sanjeev Uppal was directed to seek the assistance of the custodian of the record pertaining to the rent, lease etc. under Section 5(4) and 5(5) of the RTI Act, 2005. The assistance of the custodian of record **Sh. Amandeep Singh, Clerk, Sale & Rent**, was sought vide Letter No. TBZ-SPL53-C Dated 24.8.2022. However, Sh, Amandeep Singh has neither provide the requested information and nor has he bothered to attend this hearing. The Commission impleads Sh. Amandeep Singh, Clerk, as a deemed PIO in this Appeal Case and issue him with this Show Cause Notice.

5. The respondent **Sh. Amandeep Singh, clerk Sale & Rent** 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 **4.9.2022**.

“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.

6. **Next hearing on 16.12.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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

Chandigarh  
2.11.2022

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