

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden,
Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Ph: 0172-2864111, Visit us @ www.infocommpunjab.com,
Email: psic21@punjabmail.gov.in



REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Tirlok Nath Taneja (senior citizen)
BX 1, 1344, Old Civil Hospital Road,
Ludhiana-141008.

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o ATP, Zone-A,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Public Information officer,
o/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-A,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4593 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Trilok Nath Taneja (Appellant) 98154-00843

Kirandeep Singh, Building Inspector from Zone A (for the Respondent) 96463-46500

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 15.6.2022 and 30.8.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **19.4.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding illegal construction in Property No. 1248, Gali Rupa Mistry, Hira Halwai Chowk,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.5.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **30.8.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 30.8.2022, the respondent PIO was given a final opportunity to submit a pointwise reply to all twelve points of this RTI application along with duly certified copies of all the relevant information as available in his record. The respondent PIO-cum-ATP has failed to comply. The Commission deems it fit to serve the PIO-cum-ATP with this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent **PIO-cum-ATP, Sh. Sunil 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 **19.4.2022**.

“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.

Contd....2

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden,
Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Ph: 0172-2864111, Visit us @ www.infocommpunjab.com,
Email: psic21@punjabmail.gov.in



Appeal Case No. 4593 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. The PIO is further directed to be present in person at the next hearing of this Appeal Case along with all the relevant record and a fresh pointwise reply to all the points of this RTI application. Failure to comply or attend the hearing in person, will compel the Commission to ensure his presence by way of Warrant.

5. **Next hearing on 1.12.2022 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
27.10.2022

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