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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Naresh Gaba, S/o Baldev Raj, # 5324, Street No. 1, New Shiva JI Nagar, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o ATP, Building Branch Zone-B, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4660 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Naresh Gaba (Appellant) 99888-72400 (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **25.3.2022**, **27.7.2022**, **and 30.9.2022**)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **27.5.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding Silver Sport Convent School in five points</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.7.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **30.9.2022**.
- 2. The Respondent PIO is absent without intimation. He has also failed to comply with the Commission's Order Dated 30.9.2022. This RTI application was submitted on 27.5.2021 and the requested information has still not been supplied to the appellant. The Commission deems it fit to issue this show cause notice to the ATP-cum-PIO, Building Branch, Zone-B Sh. Sunil Kumar.
- 3. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-ATP</u>, <u>Building Branch</u>, <u>Zone-B Shri Sunil Kumar</u>, is herewith ordered to <u>SHOW CAUSE</u> 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 **27.5.2021**.

"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. Next hearing on 10.2.2023 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 23.11.2022

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