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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

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

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o DCFA, Municipal Corporation,
Patiala.
First Appellate Authority,
Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 5236 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Davinder Pal Singh (Appellant) 93164-33434
Sourav Bansal, SDO (for the Respondent) 75081-52500

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **3.8.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Agreement Dated 4.4.2022**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **13.9.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **2.11.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **31.1.2023**.
2. Both parties are present. As per the appellant a reply was received from the PIO vide Letter No. 160 Dated 16.12.2022, wherein most of the information has been provided except that sought at point E of the RTI application. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Sourav Bansal, SDO, states that point E pertains to the office of DCFA, MC, Patiala, to whom the RTI application was transferred on 8.9.2022. However, he has still to provide the requested information.
3. In view of the above, the Commission deems it fit to issue Show Cause Notice to PIO-cum-DCFA, Sh. Neeraj Raheja.
4. The respondent **PIO-cum-DCFA, MC, Patiala, Sh. Neeraj Raheja**, 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 **3.8.2022**.

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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. The PIO is further directed to provide a reply to point E of the RTI application along with certified copies of the information before the next hearing. Both parties are directed to appear in person at the next hearing of the Appeal Case in the Commission at Chandigarh.

6. **Next hearing on 2.3.2023 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
31.1.2023

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