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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Lal Chand Bansal,
S/o Shri Hukam Chand Bansal,
2795, Ward No. 16, Gugga Marhi Colony,
Kharar – 140 301

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council,
Kharar, Mohali.
First Appellate Authority,
Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),
Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 542 of 2022

PRESENT:
(Appellant) Absent
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:
(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **7.4.2022 and 3.8.2022**)

1. The RTI application is dated **5.8.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding development works, MBs etc. from 1.4.2019 to 30.5.2021 etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **4.12.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.1.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **3.8.2022**.

2. Both parties are absent without intimation. This is despite this Commission's Order of 3.8.2022, wherein both the parties were directed to appear in Commission in person. The respondent PIO is absent without any intimation. The Commission deems it fit to issue the Show Cause Notice to the PIO.

3. The respondent **PIO-cum-Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Kharar, Mohali**, 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 **5.8.2021**.

“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. The PIO is further directed to appear in person at the next hearing in this Appeal Case. The failure to present in person, ensure his presence through service of **Warrant**.

5. Next hearing on 15.11.2022 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

19.10.2022

Cc: Additional Deputy Commissioner, UD, Mohali, for information and further necessary action.