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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Rakesh Kumar Gaur,**  
S/o Sh. Shanti Saroop, 1043/1, St.No.9,  
Bal Singh Nagar,  
Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
-cum-Superintendent, House Tax Branch, Zone A,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

### Appeal Case No. 6148 of 2022

PRESENT:

Rakesh Kumar Gaur (Appellant) 99155-83562  
Sukhwinder Singh (for the Appellant)  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI applications are dated **7.4.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Property No.B-IV-756(Old, B-V-100(new) Weightganj Ludhiana**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.9.2022** and Second Appeals were filed in the Commission on **8.12.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notices were issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **27.1.2023**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. This RTI application was filed on 7.4.2021 and initially came before this Commission as a Complaint Case, which was reverted to the First Appellate Authority, MC, Ludhiana, with the concurrence of the appellant. The First Appellate Authority held the hearing on 13.9.2022 during which, the respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent House Tax Zone A, represented by a Clerk of the Branch, assured the appellant that the information would be provided. However, as per the Second Appeal filed by the appellant on 8.12.2022, no information has been provided to date.

3. In view of the above, the Commission deems it fit to issue Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-Superintendent, House Tax Branch, Zone A, MC, Ludhiana.

4. The respondent **PIO-cum-Superintendent, House Tax Branch, Zone A, MC, Ludhiana**, 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 **7.4.2021**.

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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-cum-Superintendent, House Tax Branch, Zone A, MC, Ludhiana, is further directed to be present in person at the next hearing of this Appeal Case in the Commission at Chandigarh. Failure to comply, shall compel the Commission to ensure his presence by way of **Bailable Warrant**.

6. **Next hearing on 28.2.2023 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  
27.1.2023

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