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#### Sarabjit Singh Gill,

S/o Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, # 60-35-P-60-376-1, St.No.8, Maha Singh Nagar, Post Office Dhandari Kalan, District Ludhiana – 141 014

Versus

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

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

## Appeal Case No. 4022 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

### PRESENT:

Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia (for the Appellant) 98884-90031 Inderjit Singh, Head Draftsman, Zone-C (for the respondent) 98727-68256

### ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **14.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding CLU notices and Challan Assessment Sheets pertaining to structures in the area of Zone-C, MC, Luddhiana, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference Facility at Deputy Commissioner's Office, Ludhiana. The respondent PIO, represented by Inderjit Singh, Head Draftsman from Zone-C, stated that the information was given to the appellant vide Letter No. 246 dated 26.10.2020, wherein he was informed that most of the information sought by him is available on the official website of Municipal Corporation Ludhiana. The appellant is however, says that the full information sought by him is not available on the website and insisted on procuring photocopies of Challan Assessment Sheets for the block cited by him in the RTI application.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to make an assessment of the copying charges for the challan and assessment sheets sought by the appellant and raise a demand from him. The copies of the said assessment sheets duly attested as per the format directed by this Commission, are to be supplied to the appellant after he deposits the requisite photocopying charges.

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4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

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### 5. <u>Next hearing on 9.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of</u> <u>Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.</u>

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Versus

## Public Information Officer,

o/o Superintendent Headquarter, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. **First Appellate Authority,** o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

### Appeal Case No. 4023 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

### PRESENT:

Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia (for the Appellant) 98884-90031 Harbans Singh, Inspector, from Zone-C (for the Respondent) 98726-35333 Gurpreet Singh, Head Draftsman, office of MTP (for the Respondent) 99140-98811

### ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **18.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Hospitals in the jurisdiction of Zone A, B, C & D,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference Facility at Deputy Commissioner's Office, Ludhiana. The respondent PIO, represented by Harbans Singh, Inspector, from Zone-C and Gurpreet Singh, Head Draftsman, from the office of MTP, stated that they have provided some of the information sought in this RTI application. The Commission again notes with distress that this RTI application was addressed to the PIO (headquarters) M.C., Ludhiana who, in this present instance is, Sh. Rohit Sahota, superintendent.

3. The PIO (Headquarters) M.C., Ludhiana is herewith directed to submit a point-wise reply to this RTI application along with the information requested after duly attesting each page. The PIO is directed to collect the information from various Zones and supply attested copies to the appellant. Failing this, the PIO (Headquarters) M.C., Ludhiana will be eligible for penalties as per the RTI Act 2005.

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#### Appeal Case No. 4023 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under: Documents not attested as stipulated will not be accepted and will be regarded as an attempt to delay / deny information.

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 Signature of the PIO Name of the PIO Name of the Public Authority Date

### 5. <u>Next hearing on 9.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of</u> <u>Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.</u>

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**Paramjit Singh,** S/o Manjit Singh, # 1426 D, Model Town, District Ludhiana – 141 001

Versus

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

#### Appeal Case No. 4003 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Harjit Singh, Draftsman, from Zone-D (for the respondent) 98141-66090

#### ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **9.6.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>regarding his</u> <u>complaint of 24.2.2020</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **12.8.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.3.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without any intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Harjit Singh, Draftsman from Zone-D, present through Video Conference Facility at Deputy Commissioner's Office, Ludhiana, stated that a reply vide Letter No. 422/ATP-D/RTI-D dated: 17.3.2021 was sent to the appellant along with 42 pages by way of information. A copy of the said reply has also been emailed to this Commission. The appellant is given an opportunity to examine the information supplied and list deficiencies, if any, in writing, to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission.

3. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 Signature of the PIO Name of the PIO Name of the Public Authority Date

4. <u>Next hearing on 9.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy</u> <u>Commissioner, Ludhiana.</u>

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**Paramjit Singh**, S/o Manjit Singh, # 1426 D, Model Town, District Ludhiana – 141 001

Versus

#### Public Information Officer,

o/o Superintendent Headquarter, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. **First Appellate Authority,** o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

### Appeal Case No. 4004 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, from Zone-A (for the Respondent) 98762-99511 Inderjit Singh, Head Draftsman, Zone-C (for the Respondent) 98727-68256 Navneet, Building Inspector, from Zone-D, (for the Respondent) 98150-65656

#### ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **8.6.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>regarding</u> <u>buildings in Zone A, B, C & D</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **13.7.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.3.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, is represented by Inderjit Singh, Head Draftsman from Zone-C and officers of other zones of the MC, are present via Video Conference from Ludhiana. Officers of different zones have submitted piece-meal replies to the RTI application submitted to the PIO MC Ludhiana, who should have replied to it.

3. This Commission directs the respondent PIO (Headquarters) M.C., Ludhiana to collect the information from all the 4 zones and supply it to the appellant along with a written, point-wise reply. A copy of the above is also to be sent to this Commission.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 Signature of the PIO Name of the PIO Name of the Public Authority Date 5. <u>Next hearing on 9.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy</u> <u>Commissioner, Ludhiana.</u>

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### Gurmej Lal,( Whistle Blower),

S/o Baldev Raj Sharma, # 6375, Street No.16, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Backside Bachan Gas Agency, Near Mair Di Chakki, Post Office Daba, District Ludhiana – 141 003

Versus

## Public Information Officer,

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, District Ludhiana. **First Appellate Authority,** o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, District Ludhiana.

### Appeal Case No. 3978 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Gurmej Lal (Appellant) 97816-72776 Harjit Singh, Draftsman, from Zone-D (for the respondent) 98141-66090 Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, from Zone-A (for the Respondent) 98762-99511

### ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **14.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding CLUs in Zone- A & D**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from Ludhiana. The respondent PIO is represented by Harjit Singh, Draftsman from Zone-D and Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, from Zone-A. Harjit Singh stated that a reply was first sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 149/ATP-D/RTI-D dated: 6.10.2020, wherein the appellant was informed that the information pertaining to his RTI application was being collected from various offices of the Municipal Corporation Ludhiana. In a subsequent letter, No. 153 dated: 12.10.2020, the appellant was informed that the information pertaining to zone-D amounted to some 1900 pages and he was asked to deposit photocopying charges of Rs. 3800/-. The appellant however, did not deposit the amount and claimed that he has not received any such letter. However, the said letter is part of the record and cannot be wished away.

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3. This Commission advises the appellant to deposit the requisite amount following which he is to be supplied duly attested copies of the information pertaining to zone-D. For information pertaining to zone-A, the respondent, Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, is directed to make an assessment of the number of pages required to be copied and inform the appellant of the cost. This must also be intimated to this Commission before the next hearing.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 Signature of the PIO Name of the PIO Name of the Public Authority Date

5. <u>Next hearing on 9.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of</u> <u>Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.</u>

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Versus

### **Public Information Officer,**

o/o Superintendent Headquarter, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. **First Appellate Authority,** o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

### Appeal Case No. 4016 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Gurmej Lal (Appellant) 97816-72776 Harbans Singh, Inspector, from Zone-C (for the respondent) 98726-35333

#### ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **18.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding banks in the jurisdiction of Zone, A, B, C and D,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.10.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from Ludhiana. The respondent PIO is represented by Harbans Singh, Inspector, from Zone-C. There is no representative present from any other zone of the M.C. Ludhiana at this hearing.

3. This Commission directs the respondent PIO (Headquarters) M.C. Ludhiana to file a pointwise reply to this RTI application after collecting reply/information from all the 4 zones. A copy of this reply/information is to be sent to this Commission before the next hearing. The appellant is meanwhile requested to demonstrate the 'larger public interest' that the disclosure of the requested information to him, would serve. This must be done in writing before the next hearing.

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### Appeal Case No. 4016 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 Signature of the PIO Name of the PIO Name of the Public Authority Date

### 5. <u>Next hearing on 9.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of</u> <u>Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.</u>

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#### Jagjeet Singh,

S/o Harbans Singh, R/o Aman Nagar, Street No.3, Backside Green Land School, Near Jalandhar Bypass, District Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. Public Information Officer, o/o Municipal Corporation, Headquarter, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

#### Appeal Case No. 4056 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Jagjeet Singh (Appellant) 99142-48131 Pardeep, XEN, Zone-A (for the Respondent) Harbir Singh, SDO, Zone-C (for the Respondent) 86991-00033 Balwinder singh, XEN, Zone-D (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **6.6.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding submersible pumps operating in Ludhiana City.** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.7.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.3.2021**.

2. The appellant is present via Cisco Webex. The respondent PIO, represented by Pardeep, XEN from Zone-A, Harbir Singh, SDO from Zone-C, and Balwinder Singh, XEN from Zone-D, are present through Video Conference from Ludhiana. The respondents stated that the information pertaining to Zone-C has already been given to the appellant. Information pertaining to Zone-A and Zone-D is ready and can be handed over to the appellant. There is no one present from Zone-D.

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### Appeal Case No. 4056 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

3. This Commission notes that the RTI application was submitted to the PIO (Headquarters) MC, Ludhiana who is responsible to collect the information from various Zones. The Superintendent-cum-PIO (Headquarters) MC, Ludhiana, **Rohit Sahota** is herewith directed to collect all the information pertaining to this RTI application from various Zones (A, B, C, & D) and supply it to the appellant after duly attesting each and every page as per the format given under. It is also noted that this RTI application is more than 8 months old and any further delay for supply of information will invite penalties as per the RTI Act 2005.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 Signature of the PIO Name of the PIO Name of the Public Authority Date

5. <u>Next hearing on 9.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of</u> <u>Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.</u>

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S/o Harbans Singh, R/o Aman Nagar, Street No.3, Backside Green Land School, Near Jalandhar ByPass, District Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. Public Information Officer, o/o Municipal Corporation, Headquarter, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

#### Appeal Case No. 4057 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Jagjeet Singh (Appellant) 99142-48131 Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, from Zone-A (for the Respondent) 98762-99511

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **4.11.2019** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding his complaint to the Commissioner MC No. EP577230026IN dated 29.11.19,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.12.2019** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **5.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.3.2021**.

2. The appellant is present on Cisco Webex. The respondent PIO, represented by Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector from Zone-A, present through Video Conference from Ludhiana, stated that the information requested in this RTI application is ready to be handed over to the appellant.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to make two sets of the requested information and send one to the appellant by Speed Post/registered post after duly attesting each and every page as per the format directed by this Commission at the earliest. A copy be sent to this Commission.

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### Appeal Case No. 4057 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 Signature of the PIO Name of the PIO Name of the Public Authority Date

5. The appellant is requested to examine the information and list deficiencies, if any, to the respondent PIO as well as this Commission.

### 6. <u>Next hearing on 9.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of</u> <u>Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.</u>

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Parshotam Dass Bansal, President, Lok Sewa Club, #94, City Homes Colony, Near Spring Dale School, Khanna – 141 401

Versus

#### **Public Information Officer,**

o/o Executive Officer, Municipal Counsel, Khanna.

#### Complaint Case No. 924 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

#### PRESENT:

Parshotam Dass Bansal (Complainant) 98557-83747 Amarjit Singh, J.E. (for the Respondent) 94634-76839

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **P.D. Bansal**, filed this RTI application dated **23.12.2019** and sought information regarding Street No. 11 & 12 of Krishna Nagar, Khanna, from the PIO o/o **E.O.**, **M.C.**, Khanna. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **7.12.2020**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from Ludhiana. The respondent PIO, represented by Amarjit Singh, JE, sough some more time, pleading that he has only recently posted to this job. The respondent is given one final opportunity to provide information sought in this RTI application by way of a point-wise reply along with the requested information within 15 days of this hearing.

3. The respondent PIO is also directed to submit a list of officers who held the post of EO-cum-PIO, M.C., Khanna since 23.12.2019. This must include their respective contact information, tenure as PIO and present posting.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 Signature of the PIO Name of the PIO Name of the Public Authority Date

5. <u>Next hearing on 11.6.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy</u> <u>Commissioner, Ludhiana.</u>

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#### REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

#### Harjeet Singh Dhillon,

S/o Late Gurbaksh Singh, # 4072, Street No.3, Gobind Colony, Jamalpur, District Ludhiana – 141 015

Versus

## Public Information Officer,

o/o Zonal Commissioner, Zone-B, Municipal Corporation, District Ludhiana.

## Complaint Case No. 955 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Harjeet Singh Dhillon (Complainant) 93167-07146 (Respondent) Absent

### ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Harjeet Singh Dhillon**, filed this RTI application dated **31.8.2020** and sought information <u>regarding a site plan – No. 107B, Permit No. 19310 of 14.10.2016 – in the names of Gurpreet Singh and Bhupinder Singh, both sons of Himmat Singh, in five points, from the PIO o/o M.C., Zone-B, Ludhiana. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **15.12.2020**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.3.2021**.</u>

2. The respondent PIO is absent but has informed the Commission that he is occupied with some other duties linked to the visit of Local Bodies Minister to Ludhiana. This Commission, however, notes that this RTI application has been pending since 31.8.2020 without any response from the respondent. The respondent PIO is herewith issued a Show Cause Notice:

3. The respondent PIO 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 31.8.2020.

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### Complaint Case No. 955 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

"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.*"

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 Signature of the PIO Name of the PIO Name of the Public Authority Date

5. <u>Next hearing on 9.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of</u> <u>Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.</u>

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY) State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 18.3.2021

**Cc:** Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, District Ludhiana, for information and further necessary action.

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#### REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

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S/o Late Sh. Gurbaksh Singh, # 4072, Street No.3, Gobind Colony, Jamalpur, District Ludhiana-141015

Versus

## Public Information Officer,

o/o Zonal Commissioner, Zone-B, Municipal Corporation, District Ludhiana.

## Complaint Case No. 956 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Harjeet Singh Dhillon (Complainant) 93167-07146 (Respondent) Absent

### ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Harjeet Singh Dhillon**, filed this RTI application dated **31.8.2020** and sought information <u>regarding his application to the Zonal Commissioner on 1.6.2020</u>, from the PIO o/o **M.C.**, **Zone-B**, **Ludhiana**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **15.12.2020**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.3.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent but has informed the Commission that he is occupied with some other duties linked to the visit of Local Bodies Minister to Ludhiana. This Commission, however, notes that this RTI application has been pending since 31.8.2020 without any response from the respondent. The respondent PIO is herewith issued a Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent PIO 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 31.8.2020.

"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.*"

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### Complaint Case No. 956 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 Signature of the PIO Name of the PIO Name of the Public Authority Date

5. <u>Next hearing on 9.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of</u> <u>Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.</u>

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY) State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Cc:** Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, District Ludhiana, for information and further necessary action.

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## **Public Information Officer,**

o/o O & M Cell, Zone B, Municipal Corporation, District Ludhiana.

### Complaint Case No. 953 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Harjeet Singh Dhillon (Complainant) 93167-07146 (Respondent) Absent

### ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Harjeet Singh Dhillon**, filed this RTI application dated **31.8.2020** and sought information <u>regarding the rainwater harvesting system in House No. 107-B, Gobind</u> <u>Colony Jamalpur</u>, from the PIO o/o O & M Cell, M.C., Zone-B, Ludhiana. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **15.12.2020**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.3.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent but has informed the Commission that he is occupied with some other duties linked to the visit of Local Bodies Minister to Ludhiana. This Commission, however, notes that this RTI application has been pending since 31.8.2020 without any response from the respondent. The respondent PIO is herewith issued a Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent PIO 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 31.8.2020.

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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.*"

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 Signature of the PIO Name of the PIO Name of the Public Authority Date

5. <u>Next hearing on 9.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of</u> <u>Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.</u>

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY) State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Cc:** Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, District Ludhiana, for information and further necessary action.

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#### REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

#### Harjeet Singh Dhillon,

S/o Late Gurbaksh Singh, # 4072, Street No.3, Gobind Colony, Jamalpur, District Ludhiana – 141 015

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### **Public Information Officer,**

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### Complaint Case No. 954 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Harjeet Singh Dhillon (Complainant) 93167-07146 (Respondent) Absent

#### ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Harjeet Singh Dhillon**, filed this RTI application dated **31.8.2020** and sought information <u>regarding application UID 154356</u>, <u>Book No. 11753</u>, <u>Receipt No. 23-G\* of 2.11.2017</u>, <u>in the name of Sudha Rani for a submersible pump</u>, from the PIO o/o O & M Cell, M.C., Zone-B, Ludhiana. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **15.12.2020**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.3.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent but has informed the Commission that he is occupied with some other duties linked to the visit of Local Bodies Minister to Ludhiana. This Commission, however notes that this RTI application has been pending since 31.8.2020 without any response from the respondent. The respondent PIO is herewith issued a Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent PIO 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 31.8.2020.

"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.*"

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### Complaint Case No. 954 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 Signature of the PIO Name of the PIO Name of the Public Authority Date

5. <u>Next hearing on 9.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of</u> <u>Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.</u>

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY) State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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