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Ram Khullar,

S/o Sh. Jagdipan Rai Khullar, Near Water Works, Samrala, Tehsil Samrala, Ludhiana

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Samrala, Ludhiana.

Complaint Case No. 977 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent Harpreet Singh, Junior Engineer (for the Respondent) 95018-00448

ORDER:

- 1. The complainant, Ram Khullar, filed this RTI application dated 9.3.2021 and sought information by way of approved maps linked to pics of 25 constructions (submitted with the RTI) etc., from the PIO o/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Samrala, Ludhiana. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a Complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on 28.7.2021. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on 19.4.2022.
- 2. The complainant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Harpreet Singh, Junior Engineer, has submitted a reply sent to the complainant vide Letter No. 2 Dated 11.1.2022 informing the complainant that the information sought in the RTI application is not specific. While the Commission concurs with the reply sent by the respondent PIO, it also notes that said reply was sent nearly one year after the filing of the RTI application.
- 3. The Commission deems it fit to issue Show Cause Notice to the respondent PIO-cum-EO, Jasbir Singh, to explain in writing the delay in addressing this RTI application.
- 4. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-EO</u>, <u>Jasbir Singh</u>, 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 **9.3.2021**.

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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. <u>Next hearing on 4.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.</u>

Sd/(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 19.4.2022

Cc: Additional Deputy Commissioner, Urban Development, Ludhiana, for information

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Harjinder Singh,

S/o Sh. Jawala Singh, # 3/3, Bhubhal House, Paramjit Nagar, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana – 141 123

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Improvement Trust, Ferozegandhi Market, Ludhiana – 141 001

Complaint Case No. 969 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

- 1. The complainant, **Harjinder Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **9.3.2021** and sought information <u>regarding J-29/100</u>, <u>BRS Nagar Ludhiana</u>, from the PIO o/o <u>Improvement Trust</u>, **Ludhiana**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **14.6.2021**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.4.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. The respondent PIO in a reply to the appellant vide Letter No. 3702 Dated 9.7.2021 had informed the appellant that the information requested was being denied because the owner of the property/plot cited in the RTI application had refused to share any information regarding said plot etc. Although the PIO had replied within the stipulated period of 30 days, the complainant has filed this Complaint to the Commission regarding the denial of said information. In view of the above and his absence today, the complainant is given one final opportunity to be heard in person at the next hearing.
- 3. The respondent PIO office of Improvement Trust, Ludhiana, is herewith directed to be present in person at the next hearing of this Complaint Case.
- 4. Next hearing on 4.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Usha Arora,

W/o Sh. Sham Sunder, C-85, New Cantt Road, Faridkot.

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Ludhiana Improvement Trust, Opposite Stock Exchange, Feroze Gandi Market, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Department of Urban Local Bodies, 1st Floor, District Administrative Complex, Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 751 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Sham Sunder (for the Appellant) 62392-44597 Balwinder Singh, Clerk (for the Respondent) 81949-43636

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **24.9.2021**)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **31.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>regarding a completion certificate</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **2.12.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **2.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005. The case was last heard on **24.9.2021**.
- 2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 24.9.2021, the respondent PIO, represented by Rama Shankar, Clerk was requested to help the appellant find a way out of dilemma that the appellant found herself vis-à-vis the completion certificate of her house. Despite the appellant having furnished a copy of the unsigned completion certificate to the respondent PIO, the PIO has failed to provide the information requested by this appellant by way of a certified copy of the rules under which, the incumbent Trust Engineer is not competent to sign the completion certificate in respect of the flat allotted to Usha Arora, as cited to her RTI application.
- 3. This Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct and deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice by name to the respondent PIO-cum-Executive Officer, Ms Kuljit Kaur.

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4. The respondent PIO-cum-Executive Officer, Ms Kuljit Kaur, 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 31.10.2020.

"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*." Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

5. 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

6. Next hearing on 4.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

Sd/(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Cc: Additional Deputy Commissioner, Urban Development, Ludhiana, for information and further necessary action.

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Jagdeep Madaan,

S/o late Sh. Dharam Pal Madaan, B-1837-4 C-1, Jagjeet Nagar, Pakhowal Road, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer,

Executive Officer, Ludhiana Improvement Trust, Opposite Stock Exchange, Feroze Gandi Market, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban and Development), Department of Urban Local Bodies, 1st Floor, District Administrative Complex, Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3432 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Jagdip Madaan (Appellant) 98140-07769 Balwinder Singh, Clerk (for the Respondent) 81949-43636

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **27.3.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding the land allotted Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib Charitable Hospital in Nine points, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **31.5.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.7.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.4.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Balwinder Singh, Clerk, has submitted a copy of letter No.2168 dated 28.4.2021, whereby the appellant was informed that the disclosure of the requested information has been refused by Guru Teg Bahadur Charitable Hospital. The same has been reiterated in a reply sent to the appellant vide letter No.147 dated 13.4.2022 with a copy to this Commission.
- 3. The commission has examined the RTI application as well as the respondent PIO's reply. The PIO's reply is herewith rejected and he/she is directed to submit a written, pointwise reply to this RTI application alongwith certified copies of the requested information, to this Commission. The PIO is also directed to inform the stated **Third Party** in this appeal case i.e. Guru Teg Bahadur Charitable Hospital, Ludhiana regarding this Commission's intent to disclose the information requested in this RTI application. Said third party will have an opportunity to be heard by way of a written submission and/ or in person at the next hearing.

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Appeal Case No. 3432 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

- 4. The Commission will take an informed decision after hearing all parties, including the third party, at the next hearing.
- 5. 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

6. <u>Next hearing on 4.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.</u>

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Davinder Sharma (Bitta), S/o Sh. Sham Lal, # 874, Street No. 6, Janakpuri, Ludhiana.

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 3142 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Jagroop Singh, SDO from Zone B (for the Respondent) 97800-22546

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 12.3.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding Ward No. 53, Zone B, O&M Cell, Ludhiana, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 20.5.2021 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 9.7.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on 19.4.2022.
- 2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO, represented by Jagroop Singh, SDO, from Zone-B, O&M Cell, states that a reply was sent to the appellant vide letter No.168 dated 21.6.2021 along with the information and a pointwise reply. The appellant has however, informed the Commission vide his email dated 15.3.2022 that the information provided is "incomplete".
- 3. The Commission has examined the RTI application as well as the PIO's reply and herewith directs the respondent PIO to provide the requested information by way of bank details pertaining to the account of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana from where the monthly remunerations were transferred to the accounts of tubwell operators for the period cited in the RTI application. Any personal details like bank account no of individual, employees must be **redacted / blanked out** before providing said information. This must be done before the next hearing.

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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. Next hearing on 4.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Manjeet Kaur,

D/o Sh. Nachhattar Singh, W/o Sh. Jaswinder Singh, B-2, Ward No. 18, Kartar Nagar, Near Pankaj Karyana Store, Khanna, District Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Directorate, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, Director, Directorate, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3322 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:
(Appellant) Absent
Kapil Bansal, Assistant Registrar (for the Respondent) 95011-20368

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 16.4.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding candidates who appeared for the English typing test in 2007 and 2008 in Two points, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 20.5.2021 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.7.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on 19.4.2022.
- 2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO, represented by Kapil Bansal, Assistant Registrar from Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, has submitted a reply to this Commission's Notice, whereby he states that a reply along with the requested information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 13209-10 Dated 23.6.2021 along with Ten pages by way of information. The appellant acknowledges receiving the reply/information and contends that deficiencies in the said information were conveyed to the PIO by registered post. The respondent PIO however, states he has not received any list of deficiencies.
- 3. In view of the above, the appellant is advised to list deficiencies in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission before the next hearing.

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Appeal Case No. 3322 of 2021 (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 4.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.</u>

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Balbir Singh,

S/o Sh. Arjan Singh, # 28, Shant Park, Behind Agar Nagar-A, Ludhiana – 141 012

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Nagar Council, Mullanpur-Dakha, District Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),

Appeal Case No. 3428 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Ludhiana.

Akaljot Singh (for the Appellant) 76965-92000 Sukhdeep Singh, Junior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98159-19724

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **4.1.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding commercial / business activities in a residential area by one J.P. Singh proprietor of Punjab Aromatics Trading Corporation, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **18.2.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.7.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.4.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are present. As per the respondent PIO,s represented by Sukhdeep Singh, Junior Assistant, a pointwise reply along with the requested information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 450 Dated 14.3.2022. The appellant however, says that the reply is insufficient.
- 3. After deliberations at this hearing, the respondent PIO-cum-EO, Nagar Council, Mullanpur-Dhakha, Sh. **Manohar Lal** is directed to submit a duly notarized affidavit by way of a detailed pointwise reply to this RTI application. The original affidavit should be delivered by hand to the appellant. A copy of the appellant's receiving and the affidavit is to be submitted to this Commission.
- 4. Next hearing on 4.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Manik Sehgal,

S/o Sh. Bipen Sehgal, # 118-A, Street No. 1, Jagat Colony, Lalheri Road, Khanna, District Ludhiana – 141 401

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 3440 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Manik Sehgal (Appellant) (via Cisco Webex) 79865-84659 Rajiv Bhardwaj, PIO-cum-Superintendent from Zone B (Respondent) 96460-08499

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 12.4.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding TS-1 Register Entry No. 282 Dated 19.7.2021 etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 17.5.2021 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.7.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on 19.4.2022.
- 2. Both the parties are present. As per the respondent PIO, a reply with the complete information was sent to the appellant vide letter No.211 dated 22.11.2021. The appellant however, says that the information is incomplete.
- 3. In view of the above, the respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent, House Tax Branch, Rajeev Bhardwaj, is directed to arrange for an inspection of the concerned file by the appellant on 28.4.2022 at 11.00 am. Any document requested by the appellant after the inspection of said file must be copied and certified before the handing them over to him on the same day. The appellant is requested to convey his satisfaction to the Commission once he receive the complete information.
- 4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

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5. <u>Next hearing on 4.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.</u>

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Gurmej Lal,

S/o Sh. Baldev Raj Sharma, # 6375, Street No. 16, Guru Gobind Sing Nagar, Backside Bachan Gas Agency, Post Office-Daba, Ludhiana.

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 3490 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **21.1.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding a complaint bearing Diary No. 3828-PS-R Dated 19.1.2022, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.3.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **3.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.4.2022**.
- 2. Bothe parties are absent. The respondent PIO has submitted copy of a reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1205 Dated 30.3.2021 along with the requested information. However, in view of the absence of both parties, this case is adjourned to its next hearing.
- 3. Next hearing on 7.9.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Tejinder Singh,

Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur – 144 410

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 2887 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Tejinder Singh (Appellant) (via Cisco Webex) 90410-04313 Rajiv Bhardwaj, PIO-cum-Superintendent from Zone B (Respondent) 96460-08499

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **1.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding Labour Quarters, PGs and Hostel buildings etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.11.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.6.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.4.2022**.
- 2. Both the parties are present. The respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent, Rajiv Bhardwaj from House Tax Branch, Zone-B, has submitted a copy of reply sent to the appellant on 26.10.2021 with a pointwise reply to the RTI application. The appellant is requested to examine said reply/information and list deficiencies, if any, to the respondent PIO with a copy, to this Commission.
- 3. The Commission notes that this RTI application was filed on 1.10.2020 and the respondent PIO has sent a reply only on 26.10.2021, which is more than one year later. The respondent PIO to explain the inordinate delay in addressing this RTI application in writing.
- 4. Next hearing on 14.9.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Tejinder Singh,Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur – 144 410

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Zonal Commissioner, House Tax Branch, Municipal Corporation, Zone-C, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, Zonal Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 2888 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Tejinder Singh (Appellant) (via Cisco Webex) 90410-04313 Chand Gill, Clerk from Zone C (for the Respondent) 77176-11775

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **1.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>regarding PGs, Labour Quarter, Hostels etc.</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.11.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.6.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.4.2022**.
- 2. Both the parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Chand Gill, Clerk from Zone-C, House Tax Branch, is present but without any reply/information pertaining to this RTI application. The appellant, who is present via Cisco Webex states that he has received no reply from the respondent PIO.
- 3. Under the circumstances, this Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice to the respondent PIO under intimation to Zonal Commissioner, Ms Poonampreet, PCS.
- 4. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-Zonal Commissioner</u>, <u>Ms Poonampreet</u>, <u>PCS</u>, 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 **1.10.2020**.

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Appeal Case No. 2888 of 2021 (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*." Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

5. 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

6. Next hearing on 14.9.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 19.4.2022

CC: Zonal Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, for information and further necessary action.

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Tejinder Singh,Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur – 144 410

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 3040 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Tejinder Singh (Appellant) (via Cisco Webex) 90410-04313 Kashish Garg, Building Inspector from Zone C (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **23.11.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>regarding direction by Commissioner on 21.11.2022 regarding ward no. 30,</u> as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **4.5.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **1.7.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.4.2022.**
- 2. Both the parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Smt. Kashish Garg, Building Inspector from Zone-C, states that the Commission's Notice was received in her office but since the matter does not pertain to the Building Branch, it was reverted to the office of the Commissioner as the information requested in this RTI application pertains to office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. The PIO, office of Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana is herewith issued this Show Cause Notice.
- 3. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-Commissioner</u>, <u>Municipal Corporation</u>, <u>Ludhiana</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 **23.11.2020**.

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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*." Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

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 14.9.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.</u>

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Public Information officer, o/o Nagar Council, Samrala, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, Additional Dy. Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3380 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Tejinder Singh (Appellant) (via Cisco Webex) 90410-04313 Harpreet Singh, Junior Engineer (for the Respondent) 95018-00448

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **20.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Hospitals and commercial complexes during the jurisdiction of Nagar Council, Samrala,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.5.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **27.7.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.4.2022.**
- 2. Both the parties are present. As per the respondent PIO, represented by Harpreet Singh, JE, a reply was sent vide letter No. 6 dated 9.3.2022. The appellant states that he has not received said reply. The respondent PIO is directed to re-send the reply to the appellant by registered post. The appellant is to examine the same and convey his satisfaction/dissatisfaction to the PIO, with a copy to this Commission
- 3. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

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4. Next hearing on 14.9.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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