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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Sukrit Sharda,

S/o Sh. Jatinder Sharda, # 50/186, Old Shahpur Road, Pathankot – 145 001

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Executive Engineer, Punjab Mandi Board, Amritsar – 143 001 First Appellate Authority, o/o Chief Engineer (North), Punjab Mandi Board, Punjab Mandi Bhawan, Sector-65-A, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali) – 160 062)

Appeal Case No. 2044 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Date of Hearing: 26.5.2022

PRESENT: Sukrit Sharda (Appellant) 98881-20963 Amritpal Singh, SDO (for the Respondent) 96461-35677

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **10.11.2021 and 9.2.2022**)

1. The RTI application is dated **3.2.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the cashbook maintained from 1.4.2020 to 31.1.2021, along with bill/vouchers,** <u>**MB etc.**</u> as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.3.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **27.4.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **9.2.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The appellant is present in person. This RTI application was submitted on 3.2.2021 and the respondent PIO did not furnish any information or reply to the appellant until he filed the First Appeal with the FAA on 15.3.2021. In a reply to the appellant vide Letter No. 2734 Dated 3.5.2021, the PIO informed him that the RTI application was never received in his office. However, the respondent PIO made no attempt to recover the copy of said RTI application from the office of the FAA. The respondent PIO claims that the RTI application was only received along with this Commission's Notice of Hearing.

3. At the first hearing on 10.11.2021, the respondent PIO was directed to furnish duly certified copies of the information sought at point no. 1 of the RTI application and inform the Commission as to the approximately volume that would need to be copied to provide the information pertaining to point no. 2.

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4. The respondent PIO's conduct amounts to a willful attempt to deny the information requested by the appellant. There was also avoidable delay on the PIO's part in informing the appellant or this Commission regarding the volume of information involved etc.

5. In view of the above, the Commission deems it fit to issue with this Show Cause Notice to the respondent PIO.

6. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-XEN, G.S Kang from Punjab Mandi Board, Amritsar</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 **3.2.2021**.

"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.

7. The respondent PIO is granted 21 days from the date of the receipt of this Order, to provide the duly certified copies of the complete information requested at point no. 2 of this RTI application, under intimation to this Commission. Failure to do so, will invite penalties as per RTI Act 2005.

8. 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

9. <u>Next hearing on 11.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Amritsar.</u>

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

Chandigarh Tuesday, May, 31, 2022

Cc: Chief Engineer (North), Punjab Mandi Board, Punjab Mandi Bhawan, Sector-65-A, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali), for information and further necessary action.

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Kamal Deep Kaur,

W/o Ajay Pal Singh, VPO Gumtala, Opposite Government Dispensary, Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Joint Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar. **Public Information Officer,** o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar. **First Appellate Authority,** o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 2059 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Date of Hearing: 26.5.2022

PRESENT: Kamal Deep Kaur (Appellant) 98721-39640 Varinder Mohan, APIO-cum-Assistant Town Planner (for the Respondent) 98780-73336

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 27.8.2021, 10.11.2021, and 9.2.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **27.01.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding the Municipal Commissioner's Order dated 14.08.20 etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **27.02.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.04.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **9.2.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 9.2.2022, the respondent PIO was directed to submit an affidavit restating contents of his reply vide Letter No. 41 Dated 5.2.2021. He was also directed to specifically state whether the Municipal Commissioner's Order Dated 14.8.2020 as cited in the RTI application, is in fact a valid Order or not.

3. The respondent PIO has submitted a copy of an affidavit Dated 16.3.2022, notarized by Sh. **Satish Kumar Anand**, Notary Public, Amritsar. Notably the affidavit is not in compliance with this Commission's directions at para no. 3 of the Order Dated 9.2.2022, in as much as it makes absolutely no mention about the Municipal Commissioner's Order Dated 14.8.2020.

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4. Furthermore, in a written submission received vide Diary No. 11032 Dated 24.5.2022, the appellant alleges that the affidavit submitted by the respondent PIO is fake/forged. In support of her claim the appellant has pointed out several discrepancies included as under:

- 1. ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਹਲਫੀਆ ਬਿਆਨ ਤੇ 30 ਰੁਪਏ ਦਾ ਫੀਸ ਕੋਰਟ (stamp) ਲਗਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ।
- ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਇਸ ਹਲਫੀਆ ਬਿਆਨ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਗਵਾਹੀ ਨਹੀਂ।
- 3. ਇਸ ਹਲਫੀਆ ਬਿਆਨ ਤੇ ਨੇਟਰੀ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਵਲੋਂ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਜ ਨੰਬਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ।

5. The appellant has also submitted a reply from the aforesaid Notary Public, Sh. Satish Kumar Anand, clearly stating that the affidavit submitted by the respondent PIO was not notarized by him. A copy of the letter has been taken on record.

6. A copy of the affidavit submitted by the respondent PIO be conveyed to the **Deputy Commissioner Amritsar** along with a copy of this Order and a written request that said affidavit be examined for its veracity.

7. <u>Next hearing on 11.8.2022 at 11.00 am at Punjab State Information Commission,</u> <u>Sector 16, Red Cross Building, Chandigarh.</u>

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

Chandigarh Tuesday, May, 31, 2022

Cc: Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar

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Kamal Deep Kaur,

W/o Ajay Pal Singh, VPO Gumtala, Opposite Government Dispensary, Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Joint Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar. **Public Information Officer,** o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar. **First Appellate Authority,** o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 2060 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Date of Hearing: 26.5.2022

PRESENT: Kamal Deep Kaur (Appellant) 98721-39640 Angad Singh, Building Inspector (for the Respondent) 98782-71547

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 27.8.2021, 10.11.2021, and 9.2.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **10.2.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding her complaint dated 14.9.20 to the Commissioner Municipal Corporation Amritsar,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.3.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.04.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **10.11.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 9.2.2022, the respondent PIO was directed to re-send a copy of the reply earlier sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 419 Dated 7.2.2021, along with the requested information. A copy was re-sent vide Letter No. 422 Dated 9.2.2022 and received by the appellant in person. The appellant has raised number of queries regarding information/documents provided to her.

3. Sh. Iqbal Singh Randhawa, is directed to submit a duly notarized affidavit restating his reply vide Letter No. 419 Dated 7.2.2022. The affidavit must also list the individual documents (1 to 7 pages) along with the letter numbers and dates that were supplied along with Letter No. 419 Dated 7.2.2022. The respondent PIO also clearly must state that the information provided to the appellant is correct information as available on the record pertain to this RTI application. This must be done before the next date of hearing.

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4. The Commission also directs the respondent PIO, Sh. Iqbal Singh Randhawa, to be present in person at the next hearing of this Appeal Case at the Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Chandigarh. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to ensure his presence by way of a warrant.

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 11.8.2022 at 11.00 am at Punjab State Information Commission.</u> <u>Sector 16, Red Cross Building, Chandigarh.</u>

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

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Navpreet Kaur,

W/o Harjinder Singh, # 11, SG Garden, Majitha Road, Naushera, Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Deputy Chief Engineer, Operational, Sub Urban Division, Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, Amritsar. First Appellate Authority, O/o Chief Engineer, Operational, Border Zone, Amritsar

Appeal Case No. 2680 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Date of Hearing: 26.5.2022

PRESENT: Vanshjot (for the Appellant) Shashi Pal, SDO (for the Respondent) 96461-13058

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier order on 22.1.2021, 25.8.2021, 25.11.2021, and 9.2.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **25.6.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the installation and use of generators etc.**, as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **27.7.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **17.9.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **9.2.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 9.2.2022, the appellant was given a final opportunity to list deficiencies in the information provided to her. The appellant listed deficiencies in an email Dated 10.2.2022, pertaining to point no. 4 and 5 of her RTI application. The respondent PIO, represented by Shashi Pal, SDO, states that the deficiencies listed by the appellant, have somehow escape his attention.

3. The respondent PIO is given an opportunity to examine said deficiencies and submit a written pointwise reply along with the information requested as per RTI Act, 2005. In case the respondent wishes to claim exemption pertaining to specific information, he must cite specific provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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Appeal Case No. 2680 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 11.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Amritsar.</u>

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Sarabjit Singh,

S/o Sh. Gurdeep Singh, VPO Gumanpura, Tehsil & District Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Divisional Forest Officer, Amritsar. First Appellate Authority-cumo/o Conservator of Forest, Bist Circle, Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No. 3814 of 2021 (Video Conference proceedings)

Date of Hearing: 26.5.2022

PRESENT: Sarabjit Singh (Appellant) 95920-90681 Vishal Verma, APIO-cum-Forest Guard (for the Respondent) 81949-40000

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier order on 9.2.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **3.5.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Forest Range, Amritsar-2**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **18.6.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **9.2.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 9.2.2022, the respondent PIO was asked to submit a pointwise reply to the RTI application along with a realistic estimate as to number of pages and cost of copying (pointwise). In reply to the appellant vide Letter No. 10238 Dated 18.2.2022, the respondent has denied most of the information as not available in his records except for point no. 1, for which he has sought payment of Rs. 536/- as copying charges. Said reply was not received by the appellant and returned by the post office.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to hand over a copy of the reply at this hearing. The appellant is given an opportunity to examine said reply.

4. <u>Next hearing on 11.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Amritsar.</u>

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Rakesh Kumar Gupta,

S/o Sh. Des Raj Gupta, # 8/237,Jagraon Road, Mandi Mullanpur, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council Jagraon, District Ludhiana. **First Appellate Authority,** o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1001 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Date of Hearing: 26.5.2022

PRESENT:

Rakesh Kumar Gupta (Appellant) 98149-24851 Raman Kumar, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 98157-55679 Ashok Kumar, PIO-cum-EO (Respondent)

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 15.7.2021, 15.7.2021, and 25.2.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **16.1.19** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding vehicles etc.</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **14.5.19**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **18.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **25.2.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. As directed at the last hearing on 25.2.2022, the respondent PIO has furnished some additional information to the appellant vide his Letter Dated 12.5.2022. The respondent also states that he has invited the appellant for inspection in writing on two separate occasions but the appellant has not responded.

3. The Commission directs the respondent PIO-cum-EO, Ashok Kumar, to arrange a fresh inspection for the appellant to inspect the record on 27.5.2022 and provide any additional information pertaining to this RTI application as available in the record. Following the inspection, the respondent PIO-cum-EO, Ashok Kumar is directed to make a written submission to the Commission with a copy to the appellant, wherein he must list all the points in this RTI application followed by the list of all the documents provided to the appellant and state that none of the requested record has been withheld.

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Appeal Case No. 1001 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

5. <u>Next hearing on 24.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana.</u>

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Kesar Chand Gambhir,

S/o Sh. Banka Ram, # 151, GH-03, MDC Complex, Sector-5, Panchkula (Haryana)

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Improvement Trust, Feroze Gandhi Market, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Improvement Trust, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1782 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Date of Hearing: 26.5.2022

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Vishal Sharma, Clerk (for the Respondent) 75298-20222

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **3.10.2012** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding allotment of a plot/dwelling unit in Raj Guru Nagar Scheme (1981) etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **8.8.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **6.4.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **26.5.2022**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. This Appeal Case is being taken up once again pursuant to a decision by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner. The respondent PIO, represented by Vishal Sharma, Clerk, has made an oral submission at this hearing, wherein he states that the requested record is approximately 40 years old and difficult to trace. He further states that the details like letter number etc. cited by the appellant, are not available/traceable in the records of the Improvement Trust Ludhiana.

3. The respondent PIO is hereby directed to carefully examine the RTI application and submit a detailed, pointwise response within 21 days of receipt of this Order and a copy of the same must be submitted to the Commission.

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

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Appeal Case No. 1782 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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 24.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana.</u>

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Nitin Kumar Garg,

S/o Brish Bhan Garg, C/o Police Public Dairy, 15 A, Model Town, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Municipal Corporation, O&M Cell, Zone A, Ludhiana. **Public Information officer,** o/o Headquarter, Zone A, Municipal Corporation, Near Mata Rani Chowk, Ludhiana. **First Appellate Authority-cum**o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 2110 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Date of Hearing: 26.5.2022

PRESENT: Nitin Kumar Garg (Appellant) 78143-22100 Rajesh Kumar, Clerk (for the Respondent) 98720-23838

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 18.11.2021 and 25.2.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **18.1.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding financial statement/comparative statements on basis of which tenders were allotted etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.2.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.4.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **25.2.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 25.2.2022, a Show Cause Notice was issued to the PIO to which he has not submitted any written reply. The respondent PIO, represented by Rajesh Kumar, Clerk from Zone A, has sought some additional time to supply the information.

3. Reminding him that he is still under the Show Cause Notice, the respondent PIO is directed to submit a written, pointwise reply along with all the requested information duly attested in the format stipulated by the Commission, to this Commission within 21 days of the receipt of this Order. A copy of the reply and information is to be submitted to the Commission.

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Appeal Case No. 2110 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 24.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana.</u>

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Nitin Kumar Garg,

S/o Brish Bhan Garg, C/o Police Public Dairy, 15 A, Model Town, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Headquarter, Zone B, Municipal Corporation, Near Mata Rani Chowk, Ludhiana. **First Appellate Authority-cum**o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 2111 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Date of Hearing: 26.5.2022

PRESENT: Nitin Kumar Garg (Appellant) 78143-22100 Gurjeet Singh, JE from Zone B (for the Respondent) 70096-21098

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 18.11.2021 and 25.2.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **18.1.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding financial statement/comparative statements on basis of which tenders were allotted etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.2.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.4.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **25.2.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The appellant states that the information supplied to him is incomplete. The respondent PIO is granted 2 weeks from the date of receipt of this Order to supply the pending information under intimation to this Commission.

3. <u>Next hearing on 24.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana.</u>

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Jagjit Singh,

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

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority-cumo/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 2123 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Date of Hearing: 26.5.2022

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone-A (for the Respondent) 83602-48099

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 18.11.2021 and 25.2.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **5.2.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a complaint filed on 14.11.2018**, 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 **30.4.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **25.2.2022**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A, is present. At the last hearing on 25.2.2022, the respondent PIO was directed to supply the requested information to the appellant with a copy to this Commission, but the respondent PIO has failed to comply with said direction. The respondent PIO is given one final opportunity to comply with said direction before the next hearing.

3. <u>Next hearing on 1.9.2022_at 11.00 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector</u> <u>16, Red Cross Building, Chandigarh.</u>

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Jagjit Singh,

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

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Municipal Corporation,
O&M Cell, Zone D,
Ludhiana.
Public Information Officer,
o/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.
Public Information Officer,
o/o Municipal Corporation, Headquarters,
Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

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

Date of Hearing: 26.5.2022

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Randeep Singh, SDO from Zone-D (for the Respondent) 98143-55554 Rajesh Kumar, JE from Zone-A (for the Respondent) 98720-23838

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 18.3.2021, 18.11.2021, and 25.2.2022)

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. The case was last heard on **25.2.2022**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Randeep Singh, SDO from Zone-D and Rajesh Kumar, JE from Zone-A, are present. At the last hearing on 25.2.2022, the respondent PIOs (O&M) Cell Zones A, B, and D, were issued a Show Cause Notice. Despite this the respondent PIO has not submitted any reply to the said Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent PIOs is given one final opportunity to submit a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued vide Order Dated 25.2.2022, 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. <u>Next hearing on 1.9.2022 at 11.00 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector</u> 16, Red Cross Building, Chandigarh.

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