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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Surjit Singh,
S/o Sh. Kulvir Singh,
2990/76, Street No. 4,
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Near Mair Di Chakki,
Post Office-Daba,
District Ludhiana – 141 003

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o XEN, O&M Cell, Zone-C,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o XEN, O & M Cell, Zone-C,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1298 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:
(Appellant) Absent
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:
(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **18.8.2021**)

1. The RTI application is dated **28.11.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding water and sewerage connections from 1.1.2018 to till date by O&M Cell Zone-C, branch/submersible pumps in Industrial Units**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **31.12.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **18.8.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent without intimation. At the last hearing on 18.8.2021, the respondent PIO, represented by Harbir Singh, SDO from Zone-C, was directed to submit a reply along with the requested information within 15 days of receipt of that Order. The respondent PIO has failed to comply and is herewith served with this 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 **28.11.2020**.

“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.

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Appeal Case No. 1298 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. **Next hearing on 16.12.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

28.9.2021

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

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Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 1297 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:
(Appellant) Absent
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:
(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **18.8.2021**)

1. The RTI application is dated **1.12.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding complaint bearing Diary No. 3148/PS/R dated 25.11.2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.1.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **18.8.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent without intimation for the second time in succession. The Commission takes a serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct in successively ignoring this Commission's Notices and Orders and is herewith, issued this 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 **1.12.2020**.

“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.

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Appeal Case No. 1297 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. **Next hearing on 16.12.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

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S/o Sh. Mohan Lal,
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Rahoan Road, Basti Jodhewal,
District Ludhiana – 141 007

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 1272 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Vijay Kumar (Appellant) 94176-73642
Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A (for the Respondent) 82603-48099

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 18.8.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **21.7.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding an application – No. 345/PS/R dated 3.6.2020; documents submitted at the time of enquiry; statements and enquiry report**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.9.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **18.8.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference from Ludhiana. The respondent PIO, represented by Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A, has submitted a reply to this Commission's Show Cause Notice of 18.8.2021, wherein he has stated that the requested information has not been supplied since the appellant has not supplied a copy of the complaint cited in the RTI application.

3. This Commission takes a serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct and directs him to search his record as well as the receipt register wherein the complaint cited in the RTI application (345/PS/R Dated 3.6.2020) was received. Subsequent to that, the respondent PIO must submit a written reply to the RTI application along with the requested information. A copy the reply and information be submitted 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

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Appeal Case No. 1272 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

5. Next hearing on 16.12.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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

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Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 1307 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 18.8.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **16.12.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the Leisure Valley in Zone-D area**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **16.1.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **18.8.2021**.

2. The appellant was present at the beginning of this hearing but has since left the venue. The respondent PIO represented by Rupinder Singh, JE from Zone-D, has also left the venue. As directed by this Commission, the respondent PIO has submitted a copy of the reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 302/PIO/B & R Dated 16.2.2021, along with part of the information. However, in view of absence of both the appellant and respondent, this case is adjourned to its next hearing.

3. Next hearing on 17.11.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Versus

Public Information officer-cum-Superintendent, Headquarters,
o/o Commissioner
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1601 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A (for the Respondent) 82603-48099

Rohit Thakur, Clerk from Zone B (for the Respondent)

Ms. Kashish Garg, APIO-cum-Building Inspector from Zone C (for the Respondent) 96533-57060

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **18.8.2021**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **5.1.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a complaint bearing Diary No. 3624-PS-R dated 4.1.2021**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **5.2.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **18.8.2021**.

2. The appellant was present at the beginning of this hearing but has since left the venue. The respondent PIO, represented by Ms. Kashish Garg, APIO-cum-Building Inspector from Zone C, Rohit Thakur, Clerk from Zone B, and Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A, are present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana. At the last hearing on 18.8.2021, the appellant had acknowledge that he had received the information pertaining to Zone A C and D and only information pertaining to Zone B was pending. Rohit Thakur, Clerk from Zone B is present and states that a reply along with the information was first sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1211/ATP-B/RTI Dated 5.4.2021. He has once again brought the information to this hearing and is directed to send a copy to this Commission forthwith.

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Appeal Case No. 1601 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

3. Next hearing on 17.11.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1603 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Rohit Thakur, Clerk from Zone B (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 18.8.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **2.1.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a complaint bearing Diary No. 3609/PS/R dated 30.12.2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.2.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **18.8.2021**.

2. The appellant was present at the beginning of this hearing but has left the venue. The respondent PIO represented by Rohit Thakur, Clerk from Zone B, is present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana, stated that a reply vide Letter No. 1388/ATP-D/RTI-D was sent to the appellant on 28.9.2021. A copy of the same has emailed to this Commission.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to send the above said reply and information, to this Commission as well as send a copy to the appellant by registered post.

4. Next hearing on 17.11.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh
28.9.2021