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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Arun Sidhu,**  
S/o Sohan Lal,  
H.No.1108/3, St. No. 2, Manohar Nagar,  
Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information officer,**  
o/o XEN B&R, Zone D,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.  
**Public Information officer,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

### Complaint Case 1316 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Arun Sidhu (Complainant)  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 15.6.2022)*

1. The complainant, **Arun Sidhu**, filed this RTI application dated **30.10.2021** and sought information regarding ward No. 65, Manohar Nagar, from the PIO o/o **Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **10.12.2021**. The case was last heard on **15.6.2021**.
2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. This is despite being notified by this Commission vide its Order of 15.6.2022. As per the complainant, the respondent PIO sent a pointwise reply to the RTI application vide Letter No. 49/RTI/D/B&R Dated 1.6.2022, which was received by him in the month of July, 2022. The complainant contends that the reply is inadequate and the information cited in the same has not been appended with the reply.
3. The Commission notes that this RTI application was submitted on 30.10.2021 to which the respondent PIO sent insufficient reply on 1.6.2022, which is after a period of 7 months. It is also notable that the PIO send reply only after the complainant filed this complaint to the Commission.
4. In view of the above, the Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice.
5. The respondent **PIO-cum-XEN, Municipal Corporation, B&R, Zone D, Ludhiana**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **30.10.2021**.

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## **Complaint Case 1316 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.

6. 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

7. **Next hearing on 27.10.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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

Chandigarh  
30.8.2022

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

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**Tirlok Nath Taneja** (senior citizen)  
BX 1, 1344, Old Civil Hospital Road,  
Ludhiana-141008.

Versus

**Public Information officer,**  
o/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-A,  
Ludhiana.

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

## **Appeal Case No. 4593 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Trilok Nath Taneja (Appellant) 98154-00843

Gurjit Singh, Junior Draftsman from Zone A (for the Respondent) 94176-70434

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 15.6.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **19.4.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding illegal construction in property No. 1248, Gali Rupa Mistry, Hira Halwai Chowk,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.5.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **15.6.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 15.6.2022, the PIO-cum-ATP, Mohan Singh, was issued a Show Cause Notice to which he has submitted a reply vide Letter No. 75, Dated 1.7.2022, along with copies of earlier replies sent to the appellant. At aforesaid Hearing the respondent PIO was also directed to submit a fresh pointwise reply to the RTI application along with duly attested copies of the information. While the respondent PIO has submitted the reply vide Letter No. 62 Dated 16.6.2022, the same is insufficient and does not address all the points of the RTI application.

3. The respondent PIO is herewith given a final opportunity to submit a pointwise reply to all 12 points of this RTI application along with duly certified copies of all the relevant information as available in his record. This must be done within 15 days of receipt of this Order.

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. 4593 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

5. Next hearing on 27.10.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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

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**Tirlok Nath Taneja** (senior citizen)  
BX 1, 1344, Old Civil Hospital Road,  
Ludhiana-141008.

Versus

**Public Information officer,**  
o/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-A,  
Ludhiana.

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

## **Appeal Case No. 4594 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Trilok Nath Taneja (Appellant) 98154-00843

Gurjit Singh, Junior Draftsman from Zone A (for the Respondent) 94176-70434

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **15.6.2022**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **8.4.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding House No. B-9,1248, gali rupa mistri**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.5.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **15.6.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 15.6.2022, the PIO-cum-ATP, Mohan Singh, was issued a Show Cause Notice to which he has submitted a reply vide Letter No. 77, Dated 1.7.2022, along with copies of earlier replies sent to the appellant. At aforesaid hearing the respondent PIO was also directed to submit a fresh pointwise reply to the RTI application along with duly attested copies of the information. While the respondent PIO has submitted the reply vide Letter No. 64 Dated 16.6.2022, said reply is insufficient and does not address all the points of the RTI application.

3. The respondent PIO is herewith given a final opportunity to submit a pointwise reply to all 8 points of this RTI application along with duly certified copies of all the relevant information as available in his record. This must be done within 15 days of receipt of this Order.

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. 4594 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

5. **Next hearing on 27.10.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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

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**Tirlok Nath Taneja**, (senior citizen)  
BX 1, 1344, Old Civil Hospital Road,  
Ludhiana-141008.

Versus

**Public Information officer**,  
o/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-A,  
Ludhiana.

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

## **Appeal Case No. 4595 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Trilok Nath Taneja (Appellant) 98154-00843

Gurjit Singh, Junior Draftsman from Zone A (for the Respondent) 94176-70434

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 15.6.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **17.4.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding illegal/unlawful projections and pillars in front of property no. 1249**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.5.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **15.6.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 15.6.2022, the PIO-cum-ATP, Mohan Singh, was issued a Show Cause Notice to which he has submitted a reply vide Letter No. 76, Dated 1.7.2022, along with copies of earlier replies sent to the appellant. At aforesaid hearing the respondent PIO was also directed to submit a fresh pointwise reply to the RTI application along with duly attested copies of the information. While the respondent PIO has submitted the reply vide Letter No. 66 Dated 16.6.2022, said reply is insufficient and does not address all the points of the RTI application.

3. The respondent PIO is herewith given a final opportunity to submit a pointwise reply to all 9 points of this RTI application along with duly certified copies of all the relevant information as available in his record. This must be done within 15 days of receipt of this Order.

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. 4595 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

5. Next hearing on 27.10.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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

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30.8.2022



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**Davinder Sharma Bitta,**  
S/o Sh. Sham Lal,  
H.No.874, St. No.6, Janakpuri,  
Ludhiana.141003.

Versus

**Public Information officer,**  
o/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-A,  
Ludhiana.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 5049 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Gurjit Singh, Junior Draftsman from Zone A (for the Respondent) 94176-70434

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 15.6.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **27.7.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Swala hotel**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.9.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.11.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **15.6.2022**.
2. The appellant is absent without intimation. As directed at the last hearing on 15.6.2022, the respondent PIO has submitted a pointwise reply to the RTI application. The Commission has examined said reply and is of the view that it is insufficient.
3. After deliberations at this hearing, the respondent PIO, represented by Gurjit Singh, Junior Draftsman, is directed to submit a fresh reply to this RTI application which must specifically address all the points of RTI application.
4. **Next hearing on 27.10.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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

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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Sahil Verma,**  
Chamber No. 302, District Courts,  
Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information officer,**  
o/o EO, Improvement Trust,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
EO, Improvement Trust,  
Ludhiana.

### Appeal Case No. 5429 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Vipul Bhaubta, Advocate (for the Appellant) 97800-00740  
(Appellant) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 15.6.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **20.7.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the auction held on 5.5.2015**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **3.9.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **1.12.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **15.6.2022**.
2. At the last hearing on 15.6.2022, a Show Cause Notice was issued to the PIO-cum-EO, Kuljeet Kaur, who has failed to make any written submission or appear in person. As per information received at this hearing, Smt. Kuljeet Kaur, EO, is stated to be in Judicial Custody in connection with some other case. It has also been intimated to the Commission that new EO, namely Sh. Rajesh Kumar has been posted in place of Smt. Kuljeet Kaur.
3. Under the circumstances, this Commission deems it fit to serve the PIO-cum-EO, Sh. Rajesh Kumar, with this Show Cause Notice.
4. The respondent **PIO-cum-EO, Sh. Rajesh Kumar**, 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 **20.7.2021**.

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## **Appeal Case No. 5429 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 30.9.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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

Chandigarh  
30.8.2022

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

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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Mandeep Singh,**  
S/o Sh. Ajit Singh,  
#7999, St.No. 4, Ranjit Nagar, Backside ATI,  
Ludhiana-3.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o ATP, Building Branch,  
Municipal Corporation, Zone-C,  
Ludhiana.

### Complaint Case 412 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Vipul Babuta (for the Complainant) 97800-00740  
Chand Gill, Building Inspector (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Mandeep Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **24.3.2022** and sought information **regarding property No. BXX1-7605/26 street no. 1, New Amar Nagar, Ludhiana**, from the PIO o/o **Municipal Corporation, Zone C, Ludhiana**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **21.6.2022**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **30.8.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO has submitted copy of a reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 089-90 Dated 24.8.2022, which was after this complaint was received in the Commission. The Commission deems it fit to issue the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-ATP, Building Branch, Zone C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **24.3.2022**.

“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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## **Complaint Case 412 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

4. The respondent PIO is further directed to submit copies of all replies sent to the complainant in response to this RTI application. This must be done within 15 days of receipt of this Order.

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 27.10.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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

Chandigarh  
30.8.2022

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

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**Yogesh,**  
S/o Shri Bharat Bhushan,  
R/o H. No. B-2-62, Chhawani Mohalla,  
Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer-cum-**  
o/o Tax Superintendent (Non Technical), Zone-D,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 276 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:  
(Appellant) Absent  
Pankaj, Clerk (for the Respondent) 98149-91050

ORDER:  
(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **21.7.2022**)

1. The RTI application is dated **2.8.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding permanent / temporary employees in Zone D**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.9.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **3.1.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **21.7.2022**.
2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO has submitted copy of reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 239 Dated 28.6.2022 along with copy of earlier reply vide Letter No. 122 Dated 6.9.2021, wherein the requested information had been denied as "personal information".
3. The Commission has examined the RTI application and is of the view that names of the employees as well as their respective dates of joining, does not qualify as personal information and must be furnished to the appellant.
4. The respondent PIO is directed to provide said information with respect to point no. 1 and 2 of the RTI application within 15 days of receipt of Order.
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**

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## **Appeal Case No. 276 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

6. **Next hearing on 27.10.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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

Chandigarh  
30.8.2022

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**Charan Singh Arora,**  
RA 548, Sadar Bazar,  
Karnal- 132001

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o CEO, Ludhiana Smart City-cum-Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

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

## **Appeal Case No. 287 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Surjeet Singh, Construction Manager (for the Respondent) 98778-00195

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 21.7.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **11.10.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding his complaints dated 29.9.2021 and 24.9.2021 regarding a blocked sewer**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **16.11.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.12.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **21.7.2022**.

2. The appellant is absent but has made a written submission to this Commission contending that the respondent PIO has denied the information requested at point no. 2 and 3 of his RTI application on the pretext that no record is available.

3. The Commission has examined the said RTI application addressed to CEO, Ludhiana Smart City-cum-Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana. The respondent PIO is hereby directed to submit a reply of point no. 2 and 3 of this RTI application along with duly attested copies of all the record pertaining to the two complaints cited in the RTI application. This must be done within 15 days of receipt of this Order.

4. **Next hearing on 27.10.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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

Chandigarh  
30.8.2022



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**Nitin Kumar Garg,**  
C/o Police Public Dairy,  
15-A, Shastri Nagar, Model Town,  
Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Mata Rani Chowk, Ludhiana.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Mata Rani Chowk, Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 440 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:  
(Appellant) Absent  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:  
(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **21.7.2022**)

1. The RTI application is dated **10.10.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding property tax**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.11.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **17.1.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **21.7.2022**.
2. Both parties are absent. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission of his inability to attend this hearing. The respondent PIO is absent for the second successive hearing. This is despite the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's order of 21.7.2022.
3. The respondent PIO, office of Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana, is herewith given a final opportunity to submit a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him and be heard in person, failing which the Commission will be constrained to initiate penal action as per RTI Act 2005.
4. **Next hearing on 27.10.2022 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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

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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Suresh Kumar Aggarwal,**  
# 2585 /2A, Jagat Nagar,  
Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana – 141 007

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Municipal Corporation,  
Mata Rani Chowk, Ludhiana.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

### Appeal Case No. 487 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Suresh Kumar Aggarwal (Appellant)  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 21.7.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **30.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding submersible pumps**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **18.11.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.1.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **21.7.2022**.
2. The respondent PIO is absent for the second time in succession. The information sought in this RTI application pertains to all four Zones of MC, Ludhiana and is pending since this RTI application was submitted on 30.9.2021.
3. Under the circumstances, the Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO, MC, Ludhiana, with this Show Cause Notice.
4. The respondent **PIO-cum-Superintendent Headquarter, MC, Ludhiana**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **30.9.2021**.

“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.

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## **Appeal Case No. 487 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

5. The appellant is requested to make a written submission to demonstrate the larger public interest in the disclosure of the requested information.

6. **Next hearing on 27.10.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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(ASIT JOLLY)  
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Cc: Commissioner,  
MC, Ludhiana, for information and further necessary action.

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**Sukhdhir Sekhon,**  
Head Teacher,  
Government Primary School,  
Moti Nagar, Block Mangat-2,  
Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana.

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Registrar, Births & Deaths,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

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

## **Appeal Case No. 1263 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Sukhdhir Sekhon (Appellant) 98145-16516  
Davinder Singh, Clerk (for the Respondent) 98554-00226  
Amandeep Singh, 3<sup>rd</sup> party from Raj Hospital (for the Respondent) 98140-26682

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 21.7.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **7.12.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the Births and Deaths record of Raj Hospital from 2.10.2021 to date**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.1.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.3.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **21.7.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The appellant is present in person. The stated third party in this Appeal Case, namely, Sh. Amandeep Singh of Raj Hospital, states that the information requested is "personal to his hospital and should not be disclosed to the appellant". The third party has already stated the same in writing to the respondent PIO.

3. However, after examining the RTI application, the Commission is of the view that the requested information pertains to record of births and deaths at a particular private hospital. This information is held by the Registrar of Births and Deaths, MC Ludhiana, which is a public authority as defined by the RTI Act. The requested information is regularly updated as mandated by law.

4. The Commission directs the respondent PIO to provide the requested information after redacting all personal details like father's name, mother's name, home address, gender of person, etc. Duly attested copies of the redacted information be supplied to the appellant within 15 days of receipt of this Order. This must be accompanied by a covering letter. A copy of the covering letter and information is also to be submitted to this Commission.

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## **Appeal Case No. 1263 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

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 7.10.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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

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**Sukhdhir Sekhon,**  
Head Teacher,  
Government Primary School,  
Moti Nagar, Block Mangat-2,  
Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana.

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Superintendent RTI (Headquarters),  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.  
**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 1297 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Sukhdhir Sekho (Appellant) 98145-16516  
Rohit Kumar, PIO-cum-Superintendent (Respondent) 98727-83042

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 21.7.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **28.5.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a complaint against Raj Hospital dated 31.3.2021**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **7.8.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.3.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **21.7.2022**.
2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent RTI (Headquarters), Sh. Rohit Kumar, has made a submission in reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order of 21.7.2022, wherein he has contended that the RTI application was transferred to the concerned PIOs of different branches.
3. The PIO-cum-Superintendent RTI (Headquarters), Sh. Rohit Kumar, is hereby directed to submit copies of all the letters by which this RTI application was transferred to the concerned PIOs. On receipt of the aforesaid detail from the PIO, RTI Headquarter, the Show Cause Notice be issued to the concerned PIOs.
4. **Next hearing on 7.10.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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**Nishant Prabhakar,**  
J-35, Sarabha Nagar,  
Ludhiana-141001

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Chairman, Ludhiana Improvement Trust,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Ludhiana Improvement Trust,  
Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 1358 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Nishant Prabhakar (Appellant)  
Harsimran Singh, Accountant (for the Respondent) 98141-02941

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 21.7.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **9.11.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the allotment of plots under the Kartar Singh Sarabha Nagar Scheme**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **18.12.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **17.3.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **21.7.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. As per the appellant, the information provided by the respondent PIO vide Letter No. 3363 Dated 6.7.2022, is insufficient and does not address the RTI application adequately. The respondent PIO, represented by Harsimran Singh, Accountant, agrees with the appellant and has assured the Commission that a fresh pointwise reply along with the information as available in the record shall be provided to the appellant. The respondent PIO must do this before the next hearing with a copy to this Commission.

3. **Next hearing on 27.10.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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## **REGISTERED** **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**

**Harmeet Singh Wadhwa,**  
S/o Sh. Jagtar Singh,  
R/o 562, Phase-2, Urban Estate, Dugri,  
Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o XEN, B&R, Zone D,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana  
**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

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

### **Appeal Case No. 2914 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Harmeet Singh Wadhwa (Appellant) 98149-93339  
Ggandeep Singh (for the Appellant) 93166-11011  
Rajinder Kumar, Clerk (for the Respondent) 97800-39454

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **31.12.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding construction of a park near House No. 561, 562, phase 2, Dugri**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.2.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.6.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **30.8.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The appellant is represented by Gagandeep Singh Threke. The respondent PIO, represented by Rajinder Kumar, Clerk from B&R Branch Zone B, has submitted a copy of his reply to the appellant along with information. The appellant states that the information is complete but none of the pages have been attested.

3. The Commission directs the respondent PIO to resupply the requested information after duly attesting each page as information supplied as per the RTI Act 2005. A copy of the same is to be submitted to this Commission within 10 days of receipt of this Order. The Commission however, deems it fit to issue the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice, in view of the delay in addressing this RTI application.

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## **Appeal Case No. 2914 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

4. The respondent **PIO-cum-XEN, Zone D, B&R Branch, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana,** is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **31.12.2021**.

“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.

5. **Next hearing on 27.10.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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