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Mukesh Sahani,

S/o. Vishwamitter Sahani, Prop. M/s. Mitter Fastners, Plot No. 218, Ward No.13, G.T. Road, Doraha, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o District Town Planner, Department of Town & Country Planning, GLADA Complex, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Chief Town Planner, Punjab, Department of Town & Country Planning, PUDA Bhawan, 6th Floor, Block-A, Sector -62, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar.f

Appeal Case No. 2483 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Krishan Singla Advocate (for the Appellant) 98763-24286 (via Cisco Webex) Kulwinder Singh, Assistant Engineer (for the Respondent) 89686-77998

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 31.8.2021 and 2.11.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **21.1.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>by</u> way of certified copies of the Base Plan of Master Plan of Ludhiana Drawing No. <u>DTP(L)2/2008 Dated 22.2.2008 / 24.7.2008</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.8.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **25.5.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **2.11.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO has submitted a copy of the letter sent to the appellant vide No. 5 DTP(L)I-10 dated 11.1.2022 whereby he has supplied a copy of Existing Land Use (ELU) Plan - 2007 for Ludhiana. This is not in compliance with this Commission's Order of 31.8.2021 and 2.11.2021 wherein the respondent PIO was directed to supply certified copies of the **Base Plan of Master Plan of Ludhiana Drawing No. DTP(L)2/2008 Dated 22.2.2008 / 24.7.2008,** which was prepared by the Center for Computational Engineering, Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh. The Commission is of the considered view that the respondent PIO's conduct is a serious violation of the RTI Act 2005 and deems it if to issue the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice.

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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 **21.1.2020**.

"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.

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 1.6.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana</u>.

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

Chandigarh 9.3.2022

Cc: Chief Town Planner, Punjab, Department of Town & Country Planning, PUDA Bhawan, 6th Floor, Block-A, Sector-62, SAS Nagar, Mohali, for information and further necessary action.

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Kuldeep Singh Khaira,

S/o Sh. Ujjagar Singh Khaira, # 125, Ishar Nagar, Ludhiana-141006

Versus

Public Information officer,

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

Appeal Case No. 2603 & 2607 & 2610 of 2021 (Heard together via Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Kuldeep Singh Khaira (Appellant) 98555-44433 Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A (for the Respondent) 83602-48099 Rohit Thakur, Building Clerk (for the Respondent) 70095-15793 Kashish Garg, APIO-cum-Building Inspector from Zone C (for the Respondent) 96533-57060 Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector from Zone D (for the Respondent) 98762-99511

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 14.9.2021 and 2.11.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **23.8.2019** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information by</u> way of details of applications received under the Regularisation Policy for unauthorized <u>colonies as notified by the State Government on 18.10.2018</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **3.2.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **3.6.2021 and 21.6.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **2.11.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. As directed at the last hearing on 2.11.2021, the PIO Building Branch, Zone-A, represented by Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector, has submitted the record pertaining to 3 colonies which was still pending, to the Commission. Said record be sent to the appellant by Registered Post.

3. At the last hearing, the PIO, Building Branch, Zone-B who had stated that the record pertaining to one colony was untraceable, was directed to report the loss of file as per regulations stipulated by the State Government under intimation to this Commission. He has failed to comply. The PIO Building Branch Zone B is given Ten days to comply with this Commission's Order.

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4. At the same hearing, the PIO, Building Branch, Zone-C, who had informed the commission that the record pertaining to one file was pending because said file was with the Corporation's lawyer in connection with the Court Case. The PIO was directed to provide copies of the said file to the appellant or submit evidence that the publication of the said file has been prohibited by the Court. The PIO has failed to comply and is given 15 days time to comply this Commission's Order of 2.11.2021.

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 1.6.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana</u>.

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

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Kuldeep Singh Khaira,

S/o Sh. Ujjagar Singh Khaira, # 125, Ishar Nagar, Ludhiana-141006

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Municipal Town Planner, Building Branch, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. **First Appellate Authority,** o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 2606 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Kuldeep Singh Khaira (Appellant) 98555-44433 Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A (for the Respondent) 83602-48099 Rohit Thakur, Building Clerk (for the Respondent) 70095-15793 Kashish Garg, APIO-cum-Building Inspector from Zone C (for the Respondent) 96533-57060 Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector from Zone D (for the Respondent) 98762-99511

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 14.9.2021 and 2.11.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **11.1.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> regarding action taken against the colonizers/developers for developing unauthorized <u>colonies in violation of PAPRA 1995</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **4.3.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.6.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **2.11.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIOs representing the Building Branch of Zones A, B & D have, as directed by the Commission at the last hearing on 2.11.2021, arranged an inspection of the record by the appellant on 8.11.2021. However, no record has still been supplied to the appellant who states that the respondents from all three zones had assured him that the record identified by him would be sent to him by post.

3. The conduct of the PIO of Building Branch, Zone A,B and D appears that they are trying to withhold/deny the information requested by the appellant in gross violation of the RTI Act 2005. The PIOs, Building Branch Zone-A, B and D are herewith directed to arrange another inspection of record by the appellant at 11.00 am on 15.3.2022 and the record identified by the appellant must be copied and attested and handed over to him on the spot. Any failure to comply will invite a penal consequences as per RTI Act.

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Appeal Case No. 2606 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 1.6.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana</u>.

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Jagjit Singh,

S/o Sh. 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,** o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 782 and 783 of 2021 (Heard together via Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Jagjit Singh (Appellant) 99142-48131 (via Cisco Webex) Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A (for the Respondent) 83602-48099

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 14.7.2021 and 10.12.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **22.6.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding a complaint submitted vide registered post (EP188117830IN dated 17.6.2020) to the Commissioner MC, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.8.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **1.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **10.12.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO represented by Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A, states that a reply alongwith requested information was sent vide letter No. 942/ATP/A/RTI/D dated 8.3.2022. The said information is yet to be received by this Commission and the appellant. This case will now be heard at its next hearing.

3. <u>Next hearing on 27.5.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana</u>.

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Jagjit Singh,

S/o Sh. 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,** o/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 915 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Jagjit Singh (Appellant) 99142-48131 (via Cisco Webex) Gurjit Singh, Junior Draftsman from Zone A (for the Respondent) 94176-70434 Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A (for the Respondent) 83602-48099

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 14.7.2021 and 10.12.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **17.11.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding Madhav Enterprises and the present status of a complaint sent vide postal receipt No. EP592568584IN dated 12.6.2020, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.12.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **10.12.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Gurjit Singh, JDM from Zone-A and Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A have, as directed by the Commission, submitted copy of the information purportedly earlier sent to the appellant. They have however not submitted a copy of the original reply to the appellant as directed by the Commission. The respondent PIO's reply to the Commission along with the appended information be sent to the appellant by Registered Post.

3. <u>Next hearing on 27.5.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana</u>.

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Jagjit Singh,

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

Versus

Public Information officer,

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

Appeal Case No. 1079 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Jagjit Singh (Appellant) 99142-48131 (via Cisco Webex) Jasbir Singh, Clerk (for the Respondent) 98778-83798

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 11.11.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **24.11.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>by</u> <u>way of certified copies of notices issued under Section 123 of the MC Act, 1976 from</u> <u>1.1.2015 to 24.11.2020; and certified copies of receipts of fines imposed for the same</u> <u>period,</u> as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.12.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **25.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **11.11.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 11.11.2021, the appellant was given a final opportunity to inspect the record in the respondent's office. The appellant says that he was never given specific time or date. In view of the above, the respondent PIO is directed to arrange an inspection of the concerned record after 2.00 pm on 15.3.2022. Following the inspection, up to 100 copies are to be provided free of cost. Any copies above that must be paid for by the appellant at the nominal rates for photocopying. All copies provided and information must be duly attested.

3. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under: Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 Signature of the PIO Name of the PIO Name of the Public Authority Date

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Appeal Case No. 1079 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. <u>Next hearing on 27.5.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana</u>.

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Jagjit Singh,

S/o Sh. Harbans Singh, Street No. 3, Aman Nagar, Backside Green Land School, Near Jalandhar Bye Pass, Ludhiana.

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 1197 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Jagjit Singh (Appellant) 99142-48131 (via Cisco Webex) Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A (for the Respondent) 83602-48099

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **11.11.2021**)

1. The RTI application is dated **25.11.2019** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding Shere Punjab Tractors near GMT School, by way of a certified copy of the plan/map etc. in 12 points, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **27.12.2019** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **4.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **11.11.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 11.11.2021, the respondent PIO was given very specific directions at paragraph Three of that Order. These have not been complied with. This Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO 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 **25.11.2019**.

"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. 1197 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 27.5.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana</u>.

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

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Jagjit Singh,

S/o Sh. 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, Zone A, Ludhiana. **First Appellate Authority,** o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3695 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Jagjit Singh (Appellant) 99142-48131 (via Cisco Webex) Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A (for the Respondent) 83602-48099

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **20.5.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a complaint filed to the Commissioner dated 17.5.2021**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.6.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **9.3.2022**

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Vishal Rampal Building Inspector from Zone A, states that a reply alongwith requested information was sent to the appellant vide Letter Dated 8.3.2022. The said reply has neither yet been received by the appellant or this Commission. This case be heard at the next hearing.

3. <u>Next hearing on 27.5.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana</u>.

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Jagjit Singh,

S/o Sh. 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, Zone A, Ludhiana. **First Appellate Authority,** o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3739 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Jagjit Singh (Appellant) 99142-48131 (via Cisco Webex) Gurjit Singh, Junior Draftsman from Zone A (for the Respondent) 94176-70434

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **20.5.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a complaint to the Commissioner dated 17.3.2021**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.6.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **9.3.2022**

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Gurjit Singh, Junior Draftsman from Zone A, states that the colonies cited in this RTI application have not be locatable and therefore the record pertaining to said colonies also not traceable.

3. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to file a written, point-wise reply to the RTI application along with any information available in the record.

4. <u>Next hearing on 15.6.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana</u>.

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

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S/o Sh. 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, Zone A, Ludhiana. **First Appellate Authority,** o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3740 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Jagjit Singh (Appellant) 99142-48131 (via Cisco Webex) Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A (for the Respondent) 83602-48099

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **24.5.2021** vide which the appellant sought information <u>by way</u> <u>of certified copies of complaints and notices from 1.1.2019 to 21.5.2021</u>. <u>He also attached</u> <u>copies of two such notices as examples</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.6.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **9.3.2022**

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A, states that a reply has been sent vide Letter No. 951 dated 8.3.2022 along with some information. The respondent PIO was asked to read the reply during the hearing and it was evident that the respondent has not understood exactly what information appellant has sought in his RTI application. After deliberations, the respondent PIO is directed to send a fresh pointwise reply to the RTI application.

3. <u>Next hearing on 15.6.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana</u>.

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Jagjit Singh,

S/o Sh. 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, Zone A, Ludhiana. **First Appellate Authority,** o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3694 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Jagjit Singh (Appellant) 99142-48131 (via Cisco Webex) Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A (for the Respondent) 83602-48099

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **20.5.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the status of a complaint filed to the ATP Zone A dated 18.5.2021**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **25.6.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **9.3.2022**

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A, has stated that a reply has been sent vide Letter No. 947/ATP-D/RTI-D Dated 8.3.2022 with a point-wise to the RTI application. The said reply has yet not been received by the Commission or by the appellant. The case is adjourned to the next hearing.

3. <u>Next hearing on 15.6.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana</u>.

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Versus

Public Information officer,

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

Appeal Case No. 3738 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Jagjit Singh (Appellant) 99142-48131 (via Cisco Webex) Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A (for the Respondent) 83602-48099

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **16.3.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the status of a complaint to the Commissioner dated 23.10.2019 in 13 points,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.4.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **9.3.2022**

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A, has sought some additional time to send a reply to this RTI application. He is granted 10 days from the date of this hearing.

3. <u>Next hearing on 15.6.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana</u>.

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

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S/o Sh. 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,** o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3742 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Jagjit Singh (Appellant) 99142-48131 (via Cisco Webex) (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **19.5.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding the fees received with RTI applications in all the four Zones from **1.1.2014** to **1.5.2021 etc.**, in Five points, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **25.6.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **9.3.2022**

2. The respondent PIO is absent but has sought an adjournment, in view of the fact that both himself and the APIO are on election duty. This case will now be heard at its next hearing.

3. <u>Next hearing on 15.6.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana</u>.

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Jagjit Singh,

S/o Sh. 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,** o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3775 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Jagjit Singh (Appellant) 99142-48131 (via Cisco Webex) Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A (for the Respondent) 83602-48099

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **3.5.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the status of a complaint to the Commissioner dated 30.3.2021**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **9.6.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **9.3.2022**

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone A, states that a reply along with the requested information has been sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 945/ATP-A/RTI-D Dated 8.3.2022. The said reply has yet not been received either by the appellant and this Commission. The case will now be heard at its next hearing.

3. <u>Next hearing on 17.6.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana</u>.

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

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Versus

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Appeal Case No. 3776 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Jagjit Singh (Appellant) 99142-48131 (via Cisco Webex) (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **17.5.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>by</u> way of certified copies of the Complaint Diary Register; Rtl Application Diary Register for <u>Zone C Building Branch from 1.1.2019 to 17.5.2021 etc.</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **1.7.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **9.3.2022**

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. This RTI application was filed on 17.5.2021 and the respondent PIO has failed to either provide the requested information or any reply to the appellant. The respondent PIO has also failed to respond this Commission's Notice of Hearing. In view of the above, the Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO 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 **17.5.2021**.

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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.

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 17.6.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana</u>.

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

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Versus

Public Information officer,

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

Appeal Case No. 3777 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Jagjit Singh (Appellant) 99142-48131 (via Cisco Webex) Rohit Thakur, Building Clerk, Zone B (for the Respondent) 70095-15793

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **17.5.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>by</u> way of certified copies of the Complaint Diary Register; Rtl Application Diary Register for Zone B Building Branch from 1.1.2019 to 17.5.2021 etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 29.6.2021 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.8.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on 9.3.2022

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Rohit Thakur, Building Clerk from Zone B, has submitted a copy of the reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1249 Dated 20.5.2021, wherein the requested information has been denied as "voluminous" invoking Section 7(9) of the RTI Act 2005. The respondent PIO acted in gross violation of the RTI Act 2005 by denying the requested information without giving the appellant an opportunity or the option to deposit the cost of copying the information.

3. Under the circumstances, the respondent PIO is herewith directed to supply certified copies of all the record sought in this RTI application. This must be deposited in the Commission with a covering letter signed by the respondent PIO, within 15 days from the date of this Hearing.

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

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5. <u>Next hearing on 17.6.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana</u>.

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

Appeal Case No. 3778 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Jagjit Singh (Appellant) 99142-48131 (via Cisco Webex) Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector from Zone D (for the Respondent) 98762-99511

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **17.5.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>by</u> way of certified copies of the Complaint Diary Register; Rtl Application Diary Register for <u>Zone D Building Branch from 1.1.2019 to 17.5.2021 etc.</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.6.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **9.3.2022**

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO represented by Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector from Zone D, has submitted a copy of the reply sent to the appellant wherein the requested information has been denied as "voluminous" invoking the provisions of Section 7(9) of the RTI Act 2005. The respondent PIO acted in gross violation of the RTI Act 2005 by denying the requested information without giving the appellant an opportunity or the option to deposit the cost of copying the information.

3. Under the circumstances, the respondent PIO is herewith directed to supply certified copies of all the record sought in this RTI application. This must be deposited in the Commission with a covering letter signed by the respondent PIO, within 15 days from the date of this Hearing.

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

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

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5. <u>Next hearing on 17.6.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office,</u> <u>Ludhiana</u>.

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