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## Commssioner seeks explanation

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LUDHIANA: Taking strict notice of the reports regarding the poor construction of the newly built roads in the city the Municipal Corporation (MC) commissioner has sought the explanation from the officers of the Buildings and Roads (B&R) branch regarding the matter.

In a letter written to both the Superintendent Engineers (SE) Dharam Singh and Arun Sharma of the branch the MC commissioner GS Ghuman had asked to furnish the details of all the newly constructed roads in the city. In a detailed letter written to them the Commissioner has asked them to give the details about the total number of new roads constructed in the city part from giving the status report of the road till date. Ghuman has asked the SE to give detail about if they had traced any discrepancy in the newly constructed road and the action taken by them therefore.

The Commissioner had also asked about the list of the contractors who had constructed the faulty roads and the action initiated by the MC officers against them. Ghuman had asked both the officers to give the report regarding it in three days so that the suitable action could be taken against the erring contractors and the officers. Meanwhile when asked to

comment Ghuman confirmed that he has written the letter to both the SEs so that a broader picture of the poorly constructed roads could be emerge after which they would take the suitable action against the contractors.

On a query whether there is some corrupt nexus between the MC officers and the contractors due to which the roads of poor quality are being constructed the Commissioner said that the picture would clear only after the enquiry. “We already have limited money and we cannot allow the draining of the public money in such manner” he added.

It is pertinent to note that the TOI had already highlighted the misuse of the public money by the corrupt nexus of the officers and the contractors due to which most of the newly constructed roads had withered away after few months of its constrauction.