

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

(Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi)

APPELLATE AUTHORITY

[Under Section 7, Delhi Right to Information Act, 2001]

Date of Hearing : 24.05.2018

Date of Decision :

Applicant : Sh. Ravinder Soni

Respondent : Dy. Commissioner (City SP Zone)
North DMC, New Delhi

Appeal No : **411, 412 & 413/2017**

Appeal filed on : 20.09.2017

DRTI Application filed on : 11.08.2017

Competent Authority replied on : No response

Since the parties involved in the Appeals are common, these three Appeals are being clubbed together for hearing and disposal to avoid multiplicity of the proceedings and effective adjudication.

Appeal No. 411/2017/PGC/DRTI/NDMC

Appeal No. 412/2017/PGC/DRTI/NDMC

Appeal No. 413/2017/PGC/DRTI/NDMC

Background :

Sh. Ravinder Soni, the appellant vide DRTI applications dated 11.08.2017 has sought information from the Deputy Commissioner, City SP Zone, North DMC / Competent Authority notified under the DRTI Act-2001, on total 20 counts.

The appellant did not receive any information from the Competent Authority. Aggrieved by the same, he filed an appeal before the Commission.

Proceedings

The 3 cases were heard on 17.05.2018 during which the departmental representative had informed that the replies have already been sent to the appellant vide department's letter dated 07.05.2018. He submitted copies of the same to the Appellate Authority / PGC during the hearing. However, the appellant stated that he has not received the information duly signed by the Competent Authority. The departmental representative was directed to submit proof of despatch in the Commission and all the 3 cases were re-fixed for hearing on 24.05.2018.

On 24.05.2018, the departmental representative submitted the proof of delivery of the letters, as directed by the Appellate Authority / PGC. During the discussion, the appellant stated that he is not satisfied with the information provided in respect of query no. 2 and 12. In query no. 2, the appellant has sought information about the action taken by the department on the properties based on his various complaints and in query no. 12, he has sought information regarding issuance work stop notice in respect of these properties.

The Appellate Authority / PGC has perused the replies. In respect of query no. 2, the department has simply informed that the "department takes all necessary action as per DMC Act, 1957, if required." In respect of query no. 12, the department has informed that "no such record is available in this office."

Decision

From the replies furnished by the department, it is observed that information provided to the appellant are satisfactory, except for query no. 2 & 12. The Competent Authority shall furnish a revised reply specifically intimating what action has been taken by the department on the complaints of the appellant, the dates of which he has mentioned in his DRTI application. Simply mentioning that, the department takes action as per DMC Act, 1957, is vague and not acceptable.

In query no. 12, the appellant has sought specific information regarding issuance of work stop notices. The reply of the department, that no such record is available in this office, is not acceptable. Accordingly, the Competent Authority viz. Deputy Commissioner (City SP Zone), North DMC, shall furnish a revised reply directly to the appellant with a copy marked to this Commission within 10 days of receipt of this order.

The appeal stands disposed with the above direction.

(SUDHIR YADAV)

Member,

Public Grievances Commission

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