

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

(Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi)

APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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

Appeal No. 701/2016/PGC/DRTI/NDMC dated 27.03.2017

Date of Hearing : 28.06.2018

Appellant : Sh. R.L. Makhija

Competent Authority : Director (Personnel), North DMC

Application under DRTI filed on : 22.02.2017

Background

The appellant has stated that the Competent Authority has not provided the information as asked for vide his application dated 22.02.2017 (Ref. RLM/2016-17/177 dated 20.2.2017). Being aggrieved with the same he filed the appeal before the Commission.

Proceedings

The appellant present and heard. None present on behalf of the Competent Authority.

The Commission vide its order dated 31.05.2017, had directed the Competent Authority to ensure replies to the queries of the appellant within 3 weeks from the date of receipt of this order. Again, neither any representative of the Competent Authority is present nor any information has been furnished to the appellant.

Decision

The above acts and omissions clearly attribute pathetic approach of the Competent Authority towards his duties and responsibilities under the Delhi Right to Information Act-200 and shall be construed as denial of information and obstruction in the free flow of information. Particularly, when the Competent Authority has been directed / informed vide order dated 20.11.2017.

The Competent Authority i.e. Director (Personnel) North DMC is directed to explain the undue delay in furnishing the requisite information in person or through an unauthorized representative, within 2 weeks. This shall be treated as the last opportunity granted under Section 7 (3) of the Delhi Right to Information Act-2001, failing which a final decision shall be passed by the Commission.

He is further directed to furnish updated point-wise reply, on the basis of available record, directly to the appellant within 2 weeks from the date of receipt of this order, with a copy marked to the Commission.

With these observations, this appeal is disposed of.

(SUDHIR YADAV)

Member,
Public Grievances Commission

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