

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

(Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi)

APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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

Date of Hearing : 01.02.2018

Date of Decision :

Applicant : Sh. Anil Dutt Sharma

Competent Authority : Deputy Commissioner (Shahdara South Zone),
East DMC

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

Background :

Appeal No. 574/2016/PGC/DRTI/EDMC
Appeal No. 575/2016/PGC/DRTI/EDMC
Appeal No. 576/2016/PGC/DRTI/EDMC
Appeal No. 626/2016/PGC/DRTI/EDMC
Appeal No. 627/2016/PGC/DRTI/EDMC

Sh. Anil Dutt Sharma, the appellant vide his above stated five applications dated 23.11.2016 and dated 27.11.2017 under **Delhi Right to Information Act, 2001**, had sought information from the Deputy Commissioner (Shahdara South Zone), East DMC, Competent Authority notified under the DRTI Act-2001.

The appellant had sought informations regarding decision taken by the department on various complaints filed in Public Grievances Commission, directions issued by the CIC, no. of police reports about the constructions and on the complaint dated 23.11.2016 in respect of Shahdara South Zone, East DMC, (the details given in concerned files).

The Competent Authority has not furnished the requisite information to the appellant. Being aggrieved by the same, the appellant filed the above mentioned appeals before the Appellate Authority, Public Grievances Commission.

Proceedings

At today's hearing neither the appellant nor the respondent was present. Further, no revised reply, as directed by the Commission vide order dated 13.07.2017 has been filed by the Competent Authority i.e. Deputy Commissioner (Shahdara South Zone), East DMC. As such, today's hearing in these appeal cases was rendered infructuous.

It is surprising to note that inspite of repeated directions issued by the Appellate Authority, no representative of Deputy Commissioner (Shahdara South Zone) is found present. In the present appeal cases, till date three hearings have been held, out of which in only one hearing, a representative of the Competent Authority has been present but that too without any reply.

The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity of the Competent Authority in dealing with the DRTI applications. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind, which reflects disrespect towards the DRTI Act-2001 itself. The Commission express its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by Respondent / Competent Authority in responding to the DRTI applications.

The Commission notes it is, prima facie, a case of willful denial of information and causing deliberate obstruction in flow of information.

Decision :

The matter is brought to the personal attention of the Commissioner, East Delhi Municipal Corporation and the Competent Authority i.e. Deputy Commissioner (Shahdara South Zone), East DMC.

The Competent Authority is directed to furnish an updated pointwise reply to the queries of the appellant, within two weeks from the date of receipt of this order, directly to the appellant with a copy marked to the Commission under his own signature, properly stamped, having the name of Competent Authority.

The matter stands disposed with above directions.

(SUDHIR YADAV)

Member,
Public Grievances Commission

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