

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

(Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi)

APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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

Date of Hearing : 05.07.2018

Date of Decision : 05.07.2018

Applicant : Sh. R.L. Makhija

Respondent : Dy. Commissioner (Advt.),
South DMC

Appeal No : 134/2017/PGC/DRI/SDMC

Appeal filed on : 14.06.2017

DRTI Application filed on : 05.05.2017

Competent Authority replied on : No response.

Ref. No. RLM/2017-18/13 dt. 01.05.2017

Background

The appellant vide his DRTI applications dated 05.05.2017 had sought information on total 10 counts. Aggrieved with non receipt of information from the Competent Authority, the appellant filed this appeal.

Proceedings

Appellant is not present. None appeared on behalf of the respondent nor has any information been furnished.

The Commission vide its order dated 08.02.2018, directed the Competent Authority to furnish a revised reply in respect of Query No. 5, 9 and 10 to the appellant within 15 days from the date of issue of this Order with a copy to the Commission.

Non submission of any reply by the Competent Authority, nor the presence of any officer from the department during the hearing has been viewed very seriously by the Commission.

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-2001 and shall be construed as denial of information and obstruction in the free flow of information. This even more unacceptable, since the date of hearing of this case was intimated to the Competent Authority by this office well in advance i.e. vide order dated 08.02.2018.

Decision :

The matter is brought to the personal attention of Deputy Commissioner / ADC/OSD (Advertisement Department), South DMC.

The Competent Authority i.e. Deputy Commissioner /ADC/OSD (Advertisement Department), South DMC is directed to furnish a revised reply in respect of Query Nos. 5, 9 and 10, as advised vide order dated 08.02.2018, directly to the appellant within two weeks from the date of receipt of this Order, with a copy marked to the Commission. The reply should be furnished under the signature / stamp of Competent Authority.

With the above direction, the appeal case is closed at the Commission's end

(SUDHIR YADAV)

Member,
Public Grievances Commission

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