

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION
GOVT. OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
Order under Para 2(B) of the PGC Resolution No F.4/14/94-AR dated 25.9.97

Date of hearing: 21st February, 2018

Complainant : Sh. Gulshan Kumar Ahuja,
R/o. H.No.2941, Block-A, Gali No.2,
SGM Nagar,
Faridabad-121001.

Respondent : The Chief Electoral Officer,
Govt.of NCT of Delhi,
Old St.Stephen's College Building,
Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

Grievance No. : PGC/2017/Elec./02
Grievance filed on : 01/ 11/ 2017
First hearing in the PGC, : 06/ 12/ 2017
Scheduled on

1. Brief facts of the complaint

Sh. Gulshan Kumar Ahuja filed a complaint in PGC on 01/11/2017 regarding non-payment of honorarium for the General Elections to the DLA, 2013 and 2015.

2. Proceedings in the Public Grievances Commission

The PGC convened its first hearing in the case on 06.12.2017 and the latest on 21.02.2018 wherein the following were present:

Complainant : Present.

Respondent : Shri Anoop Kumar Jr.Asstt. O/o. Distt.Election South, GNCTD

3. Relevant facts emerging during the hearing

An ATR has been filed on behalf of SDM (Election), District Election South, GNCT of Delhi, stating that *"the honorarium to Sh. Gulshan Kumar Ahuja (Supdt.) could not be released owing to incomplete bank details provided by the Returning Officer concerned. However, the telephonic message was communicated to the staff of concerned Returning Officer but no action was taken in the matter.*

In this connection, It is also informed that the budget in the election head was only provided to this office on the last day of financial year i.e. 30.3.2016 and the honorarium was to be disbursed on the same day to extremely large number of officers before budget was to be lapsed on the very next day.

Owing to time constraint and disbursement of election honorarium of 3 elections i.e. Assembly Election 2013, Lok Sabha Election 2014 and Assembly Election 2015 to large number of Officers / officials deployed for election duty,, this office was not in a position to contact any one of them individually in case of some deficiency in their bank account.

The proposal for allocation of budget in election heads have already been mooted in Revised Budget 2017-2018 to Finance Department and once allocation is made, the honorarium shall be disbursed accordingly to left out cases."

As per the ATR, in the past it could not be cleared as the budget was provided on the last day of the financial year. However, this time, as soon as the revised budget or the budget is available, the honorarium shall be disbursed.

4. Directions of the PGC

In view of the ATR filed by the Department and assurance given by the representative of the Department for disbursement of the honorarium to the complainant shortly, the case of the complainant is closed in PGC.

N. Dilip Kumar
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MEMBER

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2. The SDM (Election), Distt. South, GNCT of Delhi, DC Office Complex, M.B. Road, Saket, New Delhi.
3. Sh. Gulshan Kumar Ahuja, R/o. H.No.2941, Block – A, Gali No.2, SGM Nagar, Faridabad.
4. PS to Member, PGC, GNCTD.