

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION
(Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi)
APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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

Date of Hearing : 10.12.2018

Date of Decision : 10.12.2018

Applicant : Shri Manoj Kumar Aggarwal

Respondent : Deputy Director of Education (North East),
Directorate of Education

Appeal No : 337/2018

Appeal filed on : 28.08.2018

DRTI Application filed on : 12.07.2018

Competent Authority replied on : No Response

1. Background

Shri Manoj Kumar Aggarwal, the appellant vide DRTI application dated 12.07.2018 has sought information from the Deputy Director of Education (North East) / Competent Authority notified under the DRTI Act-2001, on total 10 counts.

The appellant did not receive any information from the Competent Authority i.e. Deputy Director of Education (North East). Aggrieved by the same, he filed an appeal before the Appellate Authority, Public Grievances Commission under Section 7 of DRTI Act -2001.

2. Proceedings

The appellant is present and heard.

Shri D.N.Singh, Assistant Director of Education and Shri Atul Jaiswal are present on behalf of the Competent Authority. They informed that point-wise information has already been furnished to the appellant vide department's letter dated 30/08/2018.

The information furnished by the department has been perused and at the outset it is mentioned that the same has not been signed by the Competent Authority viz. Deputy Director of Education (North East). However, for the sake of brevity, the reply was considered on its merits. The Appellate Authority / PGC finds that the information furnished is vague. In response, the officers of the department submit that the information sought by the appellant is general in nature and not specific. Hence, the department is unable to provide any specific information.

The DRTI application of the appellant was perused and it has been observed that the queries of the appellant are not specific. However, the departmental

representatives have been advised to furnish a revised reply to the appellant to the queries through which specific information has been sought by the appellant. The departmental representatives further submit that the appellant can inspect the available record on any working day. It was mutually agreed that the appellant can inspect the record in the office of the Deputy Director of Education (North East) on **Thursday, 27th December, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.**

3. Decision

Deputy Director of Education (North East) is informed that under the Delhi Right to Information Act, 2001 only the Competent Authority is authorised to furnish information to an applicant / appellant. In matters relating to the Directorate of Education (District North East), the Deputy Director of Education of the District has been notified as the Competent Authority under the Delhi Right to Information Act, 2001. There should not be any lapse in this regard in future.

The Competent Authority shall furnish a revised reply to the appellant in respect of the queries in which specific information has been sought by him. The revised reply shall be issued within 10 days of receipt of this order directly to the appellant under the signature and stamp of the Competent Authority, with a copy marked to this Commission.

The Competent Authority shall further ensure that all relevant record is made available to the appellant for inspection on the date and time mentioned above. Thereafter, copy of documents, identified by the appellant, if any, after inspection of relevant file, shall be furnished to him, on payment of prescribed fee, in accordance with the provisions of Delhi Right to Information Act & Rules, 2001.

With the above direction, **the appeal case is ordered to be closed before the Appellate Authority / PGC.**

(ASHOK KUMAR)

CHAIRMAN,
PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

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