PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

(Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi)

APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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

Appeal No. : 3683/2025

Date of Hearing : 13/10/2026

Applicant : Sh. Bachan Singh

Respondent : D.M. (North)/ Revenue Department

Applications filed on : 29/08/2025

Appeal filed on : 13/10/2025

1. Background

Sh. Bachan Singh, appellant, vide her application had sought information from the D.M. (North)/ Revenue Department /Competent Authority under the DRTI Act, 2001.

Aggrieved with the non-furnishing of any information by the department, appellant filed the appeal before the Appellate Authority, under Section 7 of DRTI Act, 2001.

2. Proceedings

Shri Girish Kumar Sharma is present on behalf of the Appellant.

Neither the Competent Authority nor any representative on behalf of the Competent Authority is present.

In the last hearing held on 04.06.2026, the Competent Authority i.e. D.M. North (Revenue Department) was given last and final opportunity to either remain present on next date of hearing or depute a senior official who is well aware of the facts of the case. It was pointed out in the last hearing that in the two hearings held on 24.12.2025 and 02.03.2026 neither the Competent Authority nor any representative on its behalf had attended the hearings and the Competent Authority was also directed to show cause as to why necessary action

under the provisions of Section 9 (2) of the DRTI Act, 2001 and Rule (6) (penalties) of DRTI Rules-2001 be not taken. This application under DRTI Act, 2001 is filed by appellant Sh. Bachan Singh on 29.08.2025 to which no reply has been given and subsequently appeal was filed by the appellant on 13.10.2025. Even after filing of appeal, the Competent Authority has not furnished any reply nor has been present in the hearing in the appeal.

3. Decision

This conduct of the Competent Authority is in utter disregard to the provisions of the DRTI Act, 2001 and the responsibility cast by the DRTI act, 2001 on the Competent Authority. The Competent Authority by not furnishing information within 30 days of the filing of DRTI application and subsequently by not replying even after filing of appeal clearly makes it liable for penal action under the provision of the DRTI Act, 2001 and rules there under. The Competent Authority is directed to explain why penalty Under Section 9 (2) of the DRTI Act, 2001 and Rule (6) (penalties) of DRTI Rules-2001 be not imposed on it. The reply of this may be furnished within 15 days time.

The matter may also placed before Divisional Commissioner (Revenue) to seek explanation from D.M (North) for not furnishing information under DRTI Act, 2001 and further direct to furnish information immediately.

The matter may be fixed for hearing for imposition of penalty on next date of hearing.

The next hearing in this appeal case is scheduled for Thursday, **12th November, 2026** at **11 : 30 A.M.**

24/10/26.

(DHARMENDRA)
APPELLATE AUTHORITY/ CHAIRMAN, PGC

No. Appeal/3683/2025/PGC/DRTI/REV/ 11651-653 Dated : 29/10/26

To,

1. The Divisional Commissioner, Revenue Department, 5, Sham Nath Marg, Civil Lines, Delhi – 110054.
2. The District Magistrate (North), Revenue Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, DM Office Complex, Alipur, Delhi- 110036.
3. Sh. Bachan Singh, R/o- 243, Vill & Post Office- Kheda Kalan, Delhi-110082. (9311767424)