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/3711/2025/PGC/DRTI/DJB/ 11709-710 Dated : 29/10/26

To,

1. The Addl. CEO, Delhi Jal Board, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Room No. 315-B, Varunalaya Phase-II, Karol Bagh, New Delhi – 110 005.

2. Shri Vivek Bansal, Plot No. 19, FF Manish Royal Plaza, Sector-10, Dwarka, Delhi-110075. (9718682293)

not been fixed by the Competent Authority and the matter remains as it was on the last date of hearing.

It appears that the Competent Authority i.e. Addl. CEO, DJB is not furnishing information as asked in the DRTI application by appellant by first replying that the information asked is voluminous and asks the appellant to visit and inspect the records and thereafter firstly do not fix the date of inspection and then on the date of inspection not providing the concerned record files for inspection to the appellant. This type of conduct of the Competent Authority is not acceptable and makes it liable for penalty under the DRTI Act, 2001 for non furnishing the information to the appellant.

It would be relevant to point out here that the application under DRTI Act, 2001 by the appellant was filed on 03.09.2025 to which the Competent Authority i.e. Addl. CEO, DJB did not give any information because of which the appellant had to come in appeal before the Appellate Authority. After filing of appeal the Competent Authority gave a reply on 27.11.2025 in which instead of furnishing any information the appellant was simply asked for inspection of records on any working day with prior intimation.

In hearing held on 11.03.2026, the Competent Authority was directed to inform the appellant in writing about the date and time of the inspection, address of the concerned office and contact number of concerned officer. According to which the inspection was carried out on 02.04.2026 in which the appellant was shown some records which as per the appellant's letter dated 04.04.2026 relevant records were not shown to him and the person who was present there to produce record before the appellant did not have any information about the information sought in the DRTI application so the relevant record could not be shown. The appellant in his letter dated 04.04.2026 has alleged that the Competent Authority is deliberately harassing him and also not complying with the order of the Appellate Authority.

3. Decision

The Competent Authority is directed to furnish query wise reply to the DRTI application irrespective of the quantum of information within 7 days time to the appellant. The conduct of the Competent Authority so far prima facie establishes attempt to not furnish the information to the appellant and thereby making it liable for penal action under the provisions of the DRTI Act, 2001.

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

(Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi)

APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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

Appeal No. : 3711/2025

Date of Hearing : 13/10/2026

Applicant : Shri Vivek Bansal

Respondent : Addl. CEO (Admn.), DJB

Applications filed on : 03.09.2025

Appeal filed on : 31.10.2025

1. Background

Shri Vivek Bansal, appellant, vide his DRTI application had sought information from the Addl. CEO (Admn.), DJB /Competent Authority under the DRTI Act, 2001.

Aggrieved with the information furnished by the department, appellant filed this appeal before the Appellate Authority, under Section 7 of DRTI Act, 2001.

2. Proceedings

The appellant is present.

Sh. Pawan Kumar, AE(C), DR-III and Sh. Bhupender Singh, J.A., DJB are present on behalf of the Competent Authority.

In the order dated 04.06.2026, the Competent Authority was directed to provide records to the appellant as per his DRTI application dated 03.09.2025 so that he can inspect the relevant records and take copies as per his requirement on payment of fees. However, it is informed by the appellant that the inspection has not been fixed by the Competent Authority and the matter remains as it was on the last date of hearing.