

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

(Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi)

APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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

Appeal No. : 3188/2025

Date of Hearing : 08/10/2026

Applicant : Shri Randhir Singh

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

Applications filed on : 16/04/2025

Appeal filed on : 20/05/2025

1. Background

Shri Randhir, appellant, vide his application had sought information from the D.M (North/West), Revenue Department /Competent Authority under the DRTI Act, 2001.

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

2. Proceedings

The appellant is present.

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

This matter has been pending since 20.05.2025 when the appellant filed this appeal. The appeal was filed by the appellant as no reply was received to his DRTI application dated 16.04.2025 from the Competent Authority i.e. D.M (North West)/Revenue. Since then hearings have been conducted by the Appellate Authority on 02.07.2025, 09.09.2025, 23.12.2025, 02.03.2026, 30.04.2026 and

03.06.2026. In all these hearings, the Competent Authority has been asked to furnish information to the DRTI application of the appellant.

In the hearing held on 23.12.2025, the representative of Competent Authority claimed that application dated 20.12.2024 is not available in their office. The Appellate Authority during the hearing gave a copy of the application dated 20.12.2024.

In the subsequent hearings, the Competent Authority has been directed to reply to the DRTI application and the matter has also been brought to the notice of the Chief Secretary, Delhi for taking appropriate action and also to ensure that the reply is furnished to the appellant. Despite numerous hearings and also after providing copy of the application dated 20.12.2024 (regarding which ATR is sought in the DRTI application) to the Competent Authority, satisfactory reply has not been furnished.

In one reply dated 19.12.2025, the SDM Kanjhawala has informed that information sought by the applicant is not available in this office. The Competent Authority in this case i.e. D.M (North West)/Revenue is either not aware of the provisions of DRTI Act, 2001 or is deliberately not complying with the provisions of the DRTI Act, 2001 as the information is to be given by Competent Authority i.e. DM(North-West). As per the DRTI Act, 2001, the application seeking information under the Act has to be replied within 30 days and non furnishing of the information attracts penal provisions under section 9(2) of the DRTI Act, 2001.

3. Decision

In this matter, the Competent Authority i.e. D.M (North West)/Revenue has repeatedly not complied with the provisions of the DRTI Act, 2001 and prima facie liable for imposition of penalty as per the section 9(2) of DRTI Act, 2001 and rules there under. The Competent Authority i.e. D.M (North West)/Revenue is directed to explain why penalty under section 9(2) of the DRTI Act, 2001 be not imposed for not complying with provisions of the DRTI Act, 2001 and not providing the asked information under the DRTI Act, 2001. The reply to this notice may be given within 15 days time.

The Competent Authority is again directed to furnish the reply to the DRTI application without any further delay to the appellant. **Again to facilitate the Competent Authority, a copy of the DRTI application is also enclosed with this order.**

The Competent Authority should remain present on the next date of hearing along with its reply.

The next hearing in this appeal case is scheduled for Thursday, **5th November, 2026** at **11 : 30 A.M.**


(DHARMENDRA)

APPELLATE AUTHORITY/ CHAIRMAN, PGC

F. Appeals/3188/2025/PGC/DRTI/REV./10984-985 Dated: 14/10/26

To,

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2. Shri Randhir Singh S/o Sh. Kaliram, R/o V&PO Karala, Delhi -110081. (921053865)