

**OFFICE OF THE APPELLATE AUTHORITY**  
**DELHI RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT 2001**

**PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION**  
**Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi**

**Date of hearing:** 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2018

Appellant : **Shri Ajit Singh**

Competent Authority : **Deputy Commissioner (Narela Zone),  
North DMC,  
PHC, Alipur, Delhi – 110 040.**

Appeal No. : 274/2017/PGC/DRI/NDMC  
Application filed on : 06.06.2017  
Response of Competent Authority : Appellant is not satisfied with the response  
Appeal filed on : 02/08/2017  
First hearing in PGC, Scheduled : 22/02/2018

**1. Brief facts of the Appeal**

Shri Ajit Singh filed Form-A during June, 2017, under the Delhi RTI Act, 2001, with the Competent Authority i.e. Deputy Commissioner (Narela Zone), North Delhi Municipal Corporation, seeking information on total 11 counts.

Shri Ajit Singh did receive a response from the Office of Deputy Commissioner (Narela Zone), North Delhi Municipal Corporation, but he was not satisfied with the same. Hence, he filed an Appeal during August, 2017, before the Appellate Authority / PGC, under Section 7 of the Delhi Right to Information Act, 2001.

**2. Proceedings in the Public Grievances Commission**

The Public Grievances Commission convened its first hearing on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2018. At today's hearing on 22/02/2018, the attendance was as follows :

Appellant : Absent

Respondent : Shri Vimal Bhandari, AE (M)-I, Narela Zone, North DMC

### **3. Relevant facts emerging during the hearing**

- 3.1 At today's hearing on 22/02/2018, though the appellant was not present, Shri Vimal Bhandari, AE (M)-I, Narela Zone, North DMC, intimated that the requisite information has already been provided to the appellant, vide letter dated 15.06.2017 and 05.12.2017. A copy of the same is available in the appeal case file. He further submitted a reply dated 26/02/2018.
- 3.2 Perusal of the reply dated 26/02/2018, it has been revealed that though the department had provided satisfactory information in respect of all the queries raised by the appellant. However, the same is not signed by the Competent Authority. It is pertinent to mention here that under the Delhi Right to Information Act-2001, the replies should invariably be signed by the Competent Authority.

### **4. Directions of the Appellate Authority / PGC**

- 4.1 **Under the DRTI Act, 2001 there is no mention of PIO or APIO and the replies should be signed by the Competent Authority, notified by the Government of NCT of Delhi. Competent Authority i.e. Deputy Commissioner (Narela Zone), North DMC is directed to issue strict instructions to all concerned that applications received under the DRTI Act-2001 should be replied as per the provisions of the DRTI Act-2001.**
- 4.2 Since the department has provided satisfactory information to the appellant, however as the same is not signed by the Competent Authority, the Competent Authority is directed to furnish a revised reply to the appellant within 15 days from the date of issue of this order with a copy to the appellant.

**With the above observations / directions, the present appeal case is ordered to be disposed of before the Appellate Authority / Member (PGC)**

**(SUDHIR YADAV)**  
**APPELLATE AUTHORITY / MEMBER (PGC)**

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2. Shri Ajit Singh