

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

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

Date of hearing: 05<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

Appellant : **Shri D. C. Gautam**

Competent Authority : **Assistant Commissioner (Fire),  
Delhi Fire Service,  
Govt. of NCT of Delhi,  
Connaught Place,  
New Delhi – 110 001.**

Appeal No. : 542/2016/PGC/DRI/DFS  
 Application filed on : 18/10/2016  
 Response of Competent Authority : Appellant is not satisfied with the response  
 Appeal filed on : 15/12/2016  
 First hearing in PGC, Scheduled : 06/03/2017

**1. Brief facts of the Appeal**

Shri D. C. Gautam filed Form-A during October, 2016, under the Delhi RTI Act, 2001, with the Competent Authority i.e. Assistant Commissioner (Fire), Delhi Fire Service, making queries on total 11 counts.

Shri D. C. Gautam did receive a response from the Office of Assistant Commissioner (Fire), Delhi Fire Service, but he was not satisfied with reply in respect of Query Nos. 8.9.10 & 11. Hence, he filed an Appeal during December, 2016, before the Appellate Authority / PGC, under Section 7 of the Delhi Right to Information Act, 2001.

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

The PGC has so far convened three hearings on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 and 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. At today's hearing on 05/02/2018, the attendance was as follows :

Appellant : Present

Respondent : Absent

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

3.1 At the last hearing held on 24/07/2017, directions given by the PGC were as follows:

*“The **Competent Authority** shall ensure that a comprehensive reply in respect of query nos. 8, 10 and 11 as directed vide order dated 06.03.2017 should be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing.*

***The reply should be furnished to the appellant under the signatures of Competent Authority, properly stamped, having the name of the Competent Authority (documents, if any, appended with the reply should be certified either by the Competent Authority or an official deputed by the Competent Authority).***

*A senior representative shall be deputed to attend the next hearing in this appeal case, with a reply (in duplicate)”.*

3.2 At today’s hearing on 05/02/2018, no representative of the department was present. However, a revised reply in respect of Query No. 8, 10 and 11, dated 16.08.2017 has been received from the Competent Authority. Copy placed in the file.

3.3 The reply furnished by the department has been perused and it is found that the department has provided satisfactory information to the queries raised by the appellant in his DRTI application.

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

**Since the department has provided satisfactory reply to the queries of the appellant, no further action needs to be taken in this regard. Accordingly, 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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