

OFFICE OF THE APPELLATE AUTHORITY
DELHI RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT 2001

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION
Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi

Date of hearing : 26th February, 2018

Appellant : **Shri Ram Raj Sethi**

Competent Authority : **Director (PR),
New Delhi Municipal Council,
Palika Kendra,
New Delhi – 110 001.**

Appeal No. : 610/2017/PGC/DRI/NDMC
Application filed on : 28.09.2017
Response of Competent Authority : No response
Appeal filed on : 31/10/2017
First hearing in PGC on : 26/02/2018

1. Brief facts of the Appeal

Shri Ram Raj Sethi filed Form A during September, 2017, with the Competent Authority under Delhi RTI Act, 2001, i.e. Director (PR), New Delhi Municipal Council, making queries on total 5 counts.

Shri Ram Raj Sethi received no response from the Office of Director (PR), New Delhi Municipal Council. Hence, he filed an Appeal during October, 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 26th February, 2018. At today's hearing 26/02/2018, the attendance was as follows :

Appellant : Present

Respondent : Absent

3. Relevant facts emerging during the hearing

- 3.1 At today's hearing on 26.02.108 no representative / official, well conversant with the facts of the case is present for the hearing. This has been viewed very seriously by the Appellate Authority / Member (PGC).
- 3.2 A reply dated 08.01.2018 signed by the Deputy Director (Electric) available in the file was perused.
- 3.3 On perusal of the information supplied to the appellant reveals that the same has not been signed by the Competent Authority i.e. Director (PR).
- 3.4 Further in respect of Query No. 1 & 2, the information asked by the appellant is very specific about the status of his representation dated 30.08.2017 and Action Taken Report in respect of the said representation. However, the information provided by the department is inadequate.

4. Directions of the PGC

4.1 As per the DRTI Act, 2001, only the Competent Authority is authorized to furnish the information to the appellant. Accordingly, Director (PR), New Delhi Municipal Council / Competent Authority is directed to furnish a revised reply in respect of Query No. 1 & 2 (as advised in para 3.4 above) to the appellant within two weeks of issue of this order, under intimation to this Commission.

4.2 Competent Authority is further directed to ensure that in future senior officer, well conversant with the facts of the case, should be present before the Appellate Authority.

With the above directions and observations , the present appeal case is ordered to be closed before the Appellate Authority / PGC.

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

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2. Shri Ram Raj Sethi