

OFFICE OF THE APPELLATE AUTHORITY
DELHI RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT 2001

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION
Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi

Date of hearing: 12th March, 2018

Appellant : **Shri Vikal Singh**

Competent Authority : **Deputy Director of Education (North East)**
 Directorate of Education,
 Govt. of NCT of Delhi,
 RPV Vidyalaya, B Block, Yamuna Vihar,
 Delhi – 110 053.

Appeal No. : 671/2017/PGC/DRI/Edn.
 Application filed on : 30.10.2017
 Response of Competent Authority : Appellant is not satisfied with the response
 Appeal filed on : 18.12.2017
 First hearing in PGC, Scheduled : 12/03/2018

1. Brief facts of the Appeal

Shri Vikal Singh filed Form-A during October, 2017, under the Delhi RTI Act, 2001, with the Competent Authority i.e. Deputy Director of Education (North East), Directorate of Education, making queries on total 30 counts.

Shri Vikal Singh did receive a response from the Office of Deputy Director of Education (North East), Directorate of Education, but he was not satisfied with the same. Hence, he filed an Appeal during December, 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 PGC convened its first hearing on 12th March, 2018. At today's hearing on 12/03/2018, the attendance was as follows :

Appellant : Present

Respondent : Sh. Rajesh Boriwar, UDC, Distt. N/E, Edn. Department

3. Relevant facts emerging during the hearing

3.1 At today's hearing on 12/03/2018, representative of the department submitted that a reply had already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 17/11/2017. A copy of the same is available in the file.

3.2 On perusal of the reply furnished by the department, it has been observed that the reply is not signed by the Competent Authority, and hence not acceptable. Further in respect of query No. 1, the department informed that they are bound to disclose those information which are maintained as per DSEAR-1973 and the Master Register is not maintained as per DSEAR-1973 and hence can not be provided. In respect of remaining queries i.e. 2 to 30, the answer is N.A..

3.3 As per Delhi Education Act and Rules, it is mandatory for the private schools to provide certain information on a periodic basis to the Directorate of Education. Competent Authority is directed to provide pointwise information in respect of all the queries raised by the appellant in his DRTI Act. Competent Authority is further directed to clarify in his reply whether it is mandatory for the Directorate of Education, to maintain the information, as asked by the appellant, as per Delhi Education Act & Rules.

4. Directions of the Appellate Authority / PGC

4.2. **The Competent Authority i.e. Dy. Director of Education (North-East) is directed to furnish a revised reply, as advised in para 3.2 and 3.3 above the appellant within 10 days from the date of issue of this order, with a copy to the Commission. 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).**

Accordingly, the appeal case is ordered to be disposed of before the Appellate Authority / PGC.

(SUDHIR YADAV)
APPELLATE AUTHORITY / MEMBER (PGC)

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2. Shri Vikal Singh