

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 Rohtash**

Competent Authority : **Deputy Director of Education (South),
 Directorate of Education**
 Govt. of NCT of Delhi
 GBSSS, Sector-3, R.K. Puram,
 New Delhi -110 022.

Appeal No. : 586/2017/PGC/DRI/Edn.
 Application filed on : 11.08.2017
 Response of Competent Authority : No response
 Appeal filed on : 05.09.2017
 First hearing in PGC, Scheduled on : 05.03.2018

1. Brief facts of the Appeal

Shri Rohtash filed Form-A during August, 2017, with the Competent Authority under Delhi Right to Information Act, 2001, i.e. Deputy Director of Education (District South), Directorate of Education, making queries on total 11 counts.

Shri Rohtash did not receive any response from the Office of Deputy Director of Education (District South), Directorate of Education. Hence, he filed an Appeal during September, 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 5th March, 2018, 6. At the hearing on 05/03/2018, the attendance was as follows :

Appellant : Absent

Respondent : Shri M.S. Negi, O.S. (District South), Directorate of Education

3. Relevant facts emerging during the hearing

3.1 At today's hearing on 05.03.2018, the appellant was not present. Representative of the department submitted a reply dated 01.03.2018, which was found to be signed by the Assistant Director of Education (South), hence the same is not acceptable. Further, the representative of the department admitted that he has no knowledge of the case. The case is adjourned for

12.03.2018 with the directions that Competent Authority be personally present in the Commission on the next date of hearing.

3.2 On the hearing on 12.03.2018, Sh. Mohd. Akram, appeared on behalf of the appellant. Sh. M.S. Negi, appeared on behalf of the Competent Authority submitted a revised reply duly signed by the Competent Authority.

3.3. On perusal of the information furnished by the department, it has been revealed that in respect of all the queries, the department had informed that the "information sought by the applicant is not maintained at zonal level". This information is not accepted by the Appellate Authority.

3.4 It is pertinent to mention here that as per Delhi School Education Act / Rules, it is mandatory for the private schools to provide certain information on a periodic basis to the Directorate of Education.

3.4 During the hearing it has been decided that the appellant should visit the office of DDE (South) on 23.03.2018 at 11 a.m. and inspect the documents available in the office in respect of his queries. The Competent Authority is directed to ensure that all the record available with the department (as per Delhi School Education Act / Rules) in respect of information sought by him should be provided to the appellant and photocopy of the documents, if asked by the appellant, should be provided to him on payment of Rs. 5/- per page, as per DRTI Act / Rules-2001.

4. Directions of the Appellate Authority / PGC

4.1 **Competent Authority i.e. Deputy Director of Education (South), Directorate of Education is directed to ensure that all documents should be made available to the appellant for inspection on 23.3.2018 at 11 a.m. A status report should be sent to the Commission after completion of the inspection.**

With the above observation / direction, 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 Rohtash