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

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

Date of hearing: 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

Appellant : Shri Manmohan Singh

Competent Authority : Special/Additional Commissioner (Administration),

**Department of Food, Supplies & Consumer Affairs,** 

Govt. of NCT of Delhi, K Block, Vikas Bhawan,

I.P.Estate, New Delhi – 110 110.

Appeal No. : 36/2016/PGC/DRI/F&S

Application filed on : 03/03/2016
Response of Competent : No response

Authority

Appeal filed on : 12/04/2016 First hearing in PGC on : 29/06/2016

#### 1. Brief facts of the Appeal

Shri Manmohan Singh sought information, during March, 2016, from the Competent Authority, under Delhi RTI Act, 2001, i.e Special Commissioner (Administration), Department of Food, Supplies & Consumer Affairs, making queries on total 14 counts.

Shri Manmohan Singh received no reply from the Office of Special Commissioner (Administration), Department of Food, Supplies & Consumer Affairs. Hence, he filed an Appeal during April, 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 5 hearings on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2016, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2016, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 and 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. At the hearing on 08/01/2018, the attendance was as follows:

Appellant : Present

Respondent: Shri T.P. Singh, FSO (C-68), F&S Department

Shri Mahesh A, (Grade-II), Enforcement Br., F&S Deptt.

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

3.1 At the last hearing held on 14/06/2017, the directions of PGC were as follows:

**Query no. 6** :- The F&S Department is directed to make one more effort to trace the relevant record as advised at para 3.3 above.

**Query no. 9**:- The F&S Department shall again carry out an inspection of FPS No. 7980, M/s. Jagdish Store and furnish an Action Taken Report in the Commission on the next date of hearing.

A senior representative, well conversant with the facts of the case, shall be deputed to attend the next hearing in this appeal case, with a reply (in duplicate).

- 3.2 At today's hearing on 08/01/2018, representative of the department submitted a reply dated 22.11.2017 informing therein that in respect of query no. 9, inspection of FPS 7980, M/s. Jagdish Store got conducted on 08.09.2017 and suspended the authorization of FPS. Further, the suspension of FPS was revoked vide order dated 16.11.2017.
- 3.3 In respect of query no. 6, it has been informed by the representative of the department that the relevant record could not be traced inspite of best efforts.

### 4. <u>Directions of the PGC</u>

4.1 Special Commissioner (Administration), F&S Department is advised to conduct an enquiry as to why the record in respect of FPS No. 7980, M/s. Jagdish Store for the year 2012-13 is not traceable in the department and also fix a responsibility against the officers / officials who are responsible for the safe custody of the record in question. Further, disciplinary proceedings may be initiated as per Rule against the officers / officials, if found guilty. An Action Taken Report may be sent to this Commission immediately after completion of the Enquiry.

With the above observations and 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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