

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION
(Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi)
APPELLATE AUTHORITY

[Under Section 7, Delhi Right to Information Act, 2001]

Date of Hearing : 06.08.2018

Date of Decision :

Appellant : Sh. D.C. Gautam

Competent Authority : Deputy Commissioner (Karol Bagh Zone),
North DMC

Since the parties involved in the Appeals are common, these various Appeals are being clubbed together for hearing and disposal to avoid multiplicity of the proceedings and effective adjudication.

Appeal No. 872/2017/PGC/DRTI/NDMC
Appeal No. 873/2017/PGC/DRTI/NDMC
Appeal No. 874/2017/PGC/DRTI/NDMC
Appeal No. 875/2017/PGC/DRTI/NDMC

Background

Sh. D.C. Gautam, the appellant, vide his above stated four (4) applications dated 07.12.2017 under Delhi Right to Information Act, 2001, had sought information regarding name of owner, area of property and details of house tax in respect of various properties in Karol Bagh (The details given in concerned files).

The Competent Authority had furnished the requisite information to the appellant vide letter dated 30.01.2018. However, being not satisfied with the same, the appellant filed appeals before the Commission.

Proceedings

Appellant is present and heard. No representative on behalf of the department is present nor any information, as directed by the Commission vide its order dated 22.05.2018 has been furnished. In the absence of any information, today's hearing has become infructuous.

The Commission vide its order dated 22.05.2018, had directed the Competent Authority that information in respect of Query No. 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 does not attract the provision of restriction on right to information and should therefore be provided to the appellant. In respect of Query No. 4, only amount pending on account of House Tax is to be provided. In respect of Query No. 5, reply in YES or NO should be provided. Copy of notices sent, mutation and other personal documents submitted by the owner of the properties need not to be provided to the appellant.

Non submission of any reply by the Competent Authority, nor the presence of any officer from the department during the last two hearings has been viewed very seriously by the Commission.

The above acts and omissions exhibit casual approach of the Competent Authority towards his duties and responsibilities under the Delhi Right to Information Act-2001 and shall be construed as denial of information and obstruction in the free flow of information.

Decision

The matter is again brought to the personal attention of the Competent Authority i.e. Deputy Commissioner (Karol Bagh Zone), North DMC.

The Competent Authority i.e. Deputy Commissioner (Karol Bagh Zone), North DMC is directed to explain the undue delay in furnishing the requisite information to the appellant, in person or through an authorized representative, on 17.09.2018 at 11.00 A.M.

The next hearing in this appeal case is scheduled for **Monday, 17th September, 2018 at 11:00 AM.**

(ASHOK KUMAR)

Chairman,

Public Grievances Commission

No. F.872,873,874 & 875/2017/PGC/DRTI/NDMC/

Dated :

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