

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

(Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi)

APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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

Date of Hearing : 12.04.2018

Date of Decision : 12.04.2018

Applicant : Sh. Vinod Kumar

Respondent : Dy. Commissioner (Narela Zone)
North DMC, Delhi

Appeal No : 186/2017

Appeal filed on : 21.06.2017

DRTI Application filed on : 20.04.2017

Competent Authority replied on : No response

1. Background :

Sh. Vinod Kumar, the appellant vide DRTI application dated 20.04.2017 had sought information from the Competent Authority notified under the DRTI Act-2001, on total 12 counts.

The appellant did receive the information from the Competent Authority i.e. Deputy Commissioner (Narela Zone), North DMC. However, being aggrieved with the same, he filed an appeal before the Appellate Authority, Public Grievances Commission under Section 7 of DRTI Act -2001.

2. Proceedings

The appellant is not present.

Shri V. Satish Kumar, Dy. Director (Horticulture), Narela Zone, North DMC, is present on behalf of the respondent / Competent Authority. He submitted that a reply had already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 12.05.2017 and 16.05.2017. On being asked about the revised reply as per directions of the Commission vide order dated 11.01.2018, he informed that he has no knowledge of the same. He further submitted that reply in respect of Horticulture Branch had already been provided to the appellant.

It is brought to the personal attention of the Competent Authority that the Commission vide its order dated 11.01.2018, rejected the reply dated 12.05.2017 and 16.05.2017 as the same was not signed by the Competent Authority. Further, vide same order Competent Authority was directed to furnish a revised reply after collecting the information from concerned branches of the Authority. However, no revised reply has been filed by the Competent Authority.

3. Decision

The appellant is seeking information relating to education and horticulture department under Narela Zone of North DMC.

During the hearing the department representative submitted that the reply in respect of Horticulture Department has already been furnished to the appellant. However regarding order of the Commission, he is not aware of the same.

Further, the Appellate Authority noted that inspite of two hearings in the matter the Competent Authority is denying information to the appellant and causing deliberate obstruction in the flow of information. The application under DRTI Act has been filed by the appellant on 20.04.2017 and till date no information has been provided to the appellant.

The Competent Authority i.e. Deputy Commissioner (Narela Zone) is directed to furnish the pointwise reply to the queries of the appellant after collecting the same from concerned Branches. It is the responsibility of the Competent Authority to collect the information from all concerned Branches and furnish the same to the appellant. The reply should be furnished to the appellant within 2 weeks from the date of issue of this order, directly to the appellant, with a copy marked to the Public Grievances Commission.

The reply should be furnished to the appellant under the signatures of Competent Authority, properly stamped, having the name of Competent Authority. Documents, if any, to be appended with the reply should be certified either by the Competent Authority or an official deputed by the Competent Authority, free of cost.

Competent Authority is advised to ensure that in future senior officer, who is well conversant with the facts of the case shall only be deputed to attend the hearing. It would be appreciated if the Competent Authority pays personal attention to each case before furnishing the information to the appellant.

The matter is accordingly closed at the Commission's end.

(SUDHIR YADAV)

Member,
Public Grievances Commission

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