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. Ajeet Singh

Respondent: Dy. Commissioner (Narela Zone)

North DMC, Delhi

Appeal No : 196/2017

Appeal filed on : 03.07.2017

DRTI Application filed on : 30.05.2017

Competent Authority replied on : Not satisfied with the response.

1. Background:

Sh. Ajeet Singh, the appellant vide his DRTI application dated 30.05.2017 had sought information from the Deputy Commissioner (Narela Zone), North DMC /Competent Authority notified under the DRTI Act-2001, on total 13 counts.

The appellant did receive the information from the Competent Authority. However, being aggrieved with the same, he filed an appeal before the Commission.

2. Proceedings

Both parties absent.

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 15.06.2017 and 21.06.2017 as the same was not signed by the Competent Authority. Further, vide above said order Competent Authority was also 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.

The Commission notes that non submission of pointwise and comprehensive reply by the Competent Authority to the information sought by the applicant under DRTI Act 2001 amounts to denying information to the applicant and causing deliberate obstruction in the flow of information.

This is a serious lapse on the part of the Competent Authority viz. Deputy Commissioner (Narela Zone), North DMC.

3. Decision

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 collate the information from all concerned Branches under his administrative control and furnish the same to the appellant. The reply should be furnished directly to the appellant within 2 weeks from the date of receipt of this order, with a copy marked to the Public Grievances Commission.

The Competent Authority should invariably ensure that the reply are sent under his / her signature and seal and indicate to the appellant the name and address of the Appellate Authority / Public Grievances Commission, before whom the Appeal, if any may be filed.

The appeal stands disposed with above directions.

(SUDHIR YADAV)

Member, Public Grievances Commission

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2. Shri Pankaj Kumar,

3. Sh. Ajeet Singh