PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

(Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi)

APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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

Date of Hearing: 19.04.2018 **Date of Decision:** 19.04.2018

Applicant: Sh. Anil Dutt Sharma

Respondent: Dy. Commissioner (Shahdara South Zone)

East DMC

Appeal No: 573/2016/PGC/DRI/EDMC

Appeal filed on : 03.01.2017

DRTI Application filed on : 23.11.2016

Competent Authority replied on: No response

Background

The appellant vide his application dated 23.11.2016 has sought information on 6 (six) counts. Aggrieved by non receipt of information from the Competent Authority, he filed this appeal before the Commission.

Proceedings

Appellant is not present. None appeared on behalf of the respondent nor any information has been furnished.

The Commission vide its order dated 17.08.2017, directed the Competent Authority to furnish a revised reply in respect of Query No. A, C, D & E to the appellant within 15 days from the date of issue of this Order with a copy to the Commission.

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 clearly attribute pathetic 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. This even more unacceptable, since the date of hearing of this case was intimated to the Competent Authority by this office well in advance i.e. vide order dated 17.08.2017.

Decision

The matter is brought to the personal attention of Competent Authority i.e. Deputy Commissioner (Shahdara South Zone), East DMC.

Competent Authority is directed to furnish a revised point-wise reply in respect to Query No. A, C, D & E, directly to the appellant within 2 weeks from the date of receipt of this order, with a copy marked to the Commission. The reply should be furnished under the signature / stamp of the Competent Authority.

With the directions above, the matter is closed at the Commission's end.

(SUDHIR YADAV)

Member, Public Grievances Commission

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