

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

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

Appeal No. 486 to 492/2018/PGC/DRTI/North DMC dated 06.11.2018

Date of Hearing : 15.4.2019

Appellant : Sh. Sunil Kumar Sharma

Competent Authority : Dy. Commissioner (KP Zone)
North DMC

Application under DRTI : 12.9.2018.

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.

1 Background :

The appellant vide DRTI application dated 12.9.2018 has sought information on total 06 points each. Aggrieved by non-receipt of information from the Competent Authority, he filed these appeals.

2 Proceedings

The appellant is present. Sh. K.R. Meena, AE (Bldg.), KP Zone, North DMC is present on behalf of the department. The appellant has sought information relating to number of references/complaints received from the Monitoring Committee against unauthorised construction in various wards falling under K.P. Zone and the action taken by the department on these complaints. The departmental representative submitted a letter dated 6.11.2018 vide which point-wise information to the queries of the appellant has been provided. A copy of the same was provided to the appellant also during the hearing today.

The reply of the department has been perused and it is found that the department has not provided satisfactory reply. On the one hand, in response to query no. 01 the department has informed that all the complaints/references received from the Monitoring Committee are entered in the diary register and advised the appellant to inspect the diary register, but on the other hand, in response to query no. 02 the department has denied the information on the ground that it is third party. Thus the reply of the department is not only unsatisfactory, but also contradictory. Once a

reference/complaint is received from the Monitoring Committee and the department has initiated action based upon the same, it should be available in the public domain and cannot be considered as third party.

The appellant submits that, although the department has not provided satisfactory replies to his queries, but the objective of his DRTI applications will be met if he is allowed inspection of documents, as volunteered by the department in response to query nos. 1 and 4. It was mutually agreed by the departmental representative and the appellant that the inspection shall be accorded in the office of the E.E. (Bldg.-I), K.P. Zone, North DMC on 24th April 2019 at 3.00 P.M.

3 Decision

The Competent Authority viz. Dy. Commissioner KP Zone, North DMC is directed to ensure that complete relevant records are made available to the appellant for inspection on the date and time mentioned above. Thereafter photocopies of documents identified by the appellant shall be provided to him on payment of requisite fee as prescribed under DRTI Rules -2001.

The appellant is also advised not to file too many applications on this subject since the Monitoring Committee is already seized of the matter and must be seeking updates from the department on regular basis. This will only add to diversion of the resources available with the department and will not serve any public purpose.

With the above direction, the present appeal cases are disposed of in the Commission.

(ASHOK KUMAR)

Chairman,
Public Grievances Commission

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Dated:

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