

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

(Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi)

APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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

Appeal No. 389/2018/PGC/DRTI/ DJB dated 16.10.2018

Date of Hearing : 15.4.2019

Appellant : Sh. Kamaljeet Singh

Competent Authority : Additional CEO, DJB

Application under DRTI : 01.10.2018

1 Background :

The appellant vide DRTI application dated 01.10.2018 has sought information on total 11 points. Aggrieved by the information provided by the department, he filed this appeal.

2 Proceedings

The appellant is present. Sh. Sandeep Kapoor, SE, Delhi Jal Board is present on behalf of the respondent department. The representative of the department informed that point wise information has already been sent to the appellant by the department vide letter dated 9.4.2018. A copy of the same was submitted in the hearing today. The appellant however denied receiving any letter from the department. A copy was handed over to him during the hearing.

The reply has been perused. The department has given the requisite information, as directed by the Appellate Authority on the last date of hearing. However, it is observed that the reply has not been signed by the Competent Authority. The department has also intimated the appellant to deposit Rs. 110/- for obtaining the copies of the relevant documents which run into 22 pages.

It was brought to the notice of this Commission by Sh. Sandeep Kapoor, S.E. (DJB) during the hearing today that the appellant has filed two applications for seeking the same information under DRTI Act-2001 as well as under RTI Act 2005. Needless to mention here that this amounts to wastage of precious resources of the Government as well as the human resources, as senior officers of the department have to attend hearings in CIC as well as in PGC. The appellant is advised not to file multiple applications for seeking similar information under different acts since this does not serve any additional public interest and strains the resources of the departments.

3 Decision

It is directed that the Competent Authority shall furnish a revised reply in respect of query nos. 4 (a, c and e) under his signature/stamp, since under the DRTI Act 2001 only the Competent Authority is authorised to provide information to the appellant. The revised reply shall be sent directly to the appellant within 10 days of receipt of this order, under intimation to this Commission. It shall further be ensured that photocopies of relevant documents are provided to the appellant immediately after receipt of requisite fee under the DRTI Rules 2001 as mentioned above.

With the above direction, the present appeal case is ordered to be disposed of in the Commission.

(ASHOK KUMAR)

Chairman,
Public Grievances Commission

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