

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

(Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi)

APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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

Appeal No. 459/2017/PGC/DRTI/ North DMC dated 1.11.2018

Date of Hearing : 22.4.2019

Appellant : Sh. Sunil Kumar Sharma

Competent Authority : Dy. Commissioner, K.P.Zone
North DMC

Application under DRTI : 10.9.2018

1 Background :

The appellant vide DRTI application dated 10.9.2018 has sought information on total 05 points. Aggrieved by non receipt of any information from the Competent Authority, he filed this appeal.

2 Proceedings

The appellant is present. Sh. C.P. Sharma, AE (Bldg.) K. P. Zone North DMC is present on behalf of the department. Sh. C.P.Sharma informed that, although the appellant had submitted his application in Rohini Zone, but presently Ward No. 65-N, (Saraswati Vihar) falls under the jurisdiction of K.P. Zone. Hence point wise reply to the queries of the appellant has been provided by the Dy. Commissioner, K.P.Zone. He submitted a copy of reply dt. 5.11.2018 in this regard.

The reply has been perused and it is observed that the department has not provided satisfactory information to the queries of the appellant. The appellant has sought information regarding references/complaints forwarded by the Monitoring Committee and action taken by the department thereupon. However, the information provided by the department relates to complaints received from STF and not from the Monitoring Committee. Moreover, the reply is 06 months old. Earlier also I have pointed out that there should be a proper application of mind while giving the reply under DRTI Act. It was also pointed out that references received from Monitoring Committee/STF should be entered in a separate register, so that the complaints can be easily monitored and compliance report can be submitted to the Monitoring Committee/STF expeditiously, whenever required.

The department has further volunteered that the appellant can inspect the relevant records, in response to query nos. 1 and 4. The representative of department and the

appellant have mutually agreed for inspection of relevant documents on 30th April 2019 at 3.00 P.M.

3 Decision

The Competent Authority viz. Dy. Commissioner, K.P Zone, North DMC shall furnish a revised reply to all the queries of the appellant, since the information has been provided in respect of STF, which is not acceptable. The revised reply shall be sent directly to the appellant within 10 days of receipt of this order, under signature/stamp of the Competent Authority, with a copy marked to this Commission for information. The Competent Authority shall further ensure that all the relevant documents are made available for inspection to the appellant on the date and time mentioned above. Thereafter photocopies of documents identified by the appellant shall be made available to him on payment of requisite fee as prescribed under the DRTI Rules 2001.

It may be mentioned here that when agencies like Monitoring Committee/STF are marking complaints to the MCD, it is expected that MCD after taking necessary action would be reporting compliance to the Monitoring Committee/STF. The appellant is advised not to seek information on these issues, since these agencies are already seized of the matter. This will not serve any additional public interest, but will further strain the already limited resources of the department, more so in view of the fact that similar information has been sought from various zones in respect of the wards falling under their jurisdiction.

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

(ASHOK KUMAR)

Chairman,

Public Grievances Commission

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