

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

(Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi)

APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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

Appeal No. : 345/2018

Date of Hearing : 14/03/2019

Date of Decision : 14/03/2019

Applicant : Shri D.C.Gautam

Respondent : Deputy Conservator of Forest,
Department of Forest and Wildlife

Appeal filed on : 17/09/2018

Application filed on : 06/08/2018

1. Background

Shri D.C.Gautam, the appellant, vide his application dated 06/08/2018 under Delhi Right to Information Act, 2001, had sought information from the Competent Authority on 6 points. Aggrieved with non-receipt of information, he filed this appeal before the Commission.

2. Proceedings

The appellant is present and heard.

Shri Bharat Maheshwari, DCF (HQ), Department of Forest and Wildlife, is present on behalf of the Competent Authority. He has submitted a copy of letter dated 13/03/2019 vide which point-wise information to the queries of the appellant have been provided. A copy of the same was handed over to the appellant in the hearing today.

The reply has been perused and it appears that the department has provided satisfactory information to the queries of the appellant. The appellant, however, points out that the department has written to SHO, Karol Bagh, to register an FIR in tree cutting offence in the instant case. However, the area falls under the jurisdiction of the SHO, Deshbandhu Gupta Road. The Appellate Authority / PGC observes that although the letter has been sent to SHO, Karol Bagh, however, a copy of the same has been sent to the DCP (Central) also, who exercise superintendence over both the police stations, Karol Bagh as well as DB Gupta Road. The department is advised to write to the SHO, DB Gupta Road, since the issue has now been brought to their notice, for necessary legal action as per provisions of Law / Forest Act.

The appellant further submits that no information has been provided in respect of query no. 6, in which he has sought information about the persons against whom chargesheets have been filed in the concerned courts. The departmental representative submits that this information is not available with the department and is a subject matter of investigation.

3. Decision

The Competent Authority has provided satisfactory information in respect of query nos. 1 to 4. No further action is warranted on the part of Competent Authority in the matter.

In respect of query no. 5, the matter be now referred to SHO, DB Gupta Road as discussed above. This may be done within one week of receipt of this order.

In respect of query no. 6, as and when chargesheet is filed in the court, an intimation or a copy of the same shall be provided to the appellant under intimation to this Commission.

With the above directions, **the appeal case is ordered to be closed before the Appellate Authority / PGC.**

(SUDHIR YADAV)
MEMBER,
PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

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Dated:

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