

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

(Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi)

APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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

Date of Hearing : 11/04/2019

Date of Decision : 11/04/2019

Applicant : Shri Sunil Kumar Sharma

Respondent : Deputy Commissioner (Civil Lines Zone)
North DMC

Appeal filed on : 26/10/2018

DRTI Application filed on : 30/08/2018

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.

Appeal No. 421/2018/PGC/DRTI/MCD

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Appeal No. 424/2018/PGC/DRTI/MCD

Appeal No. 425/2018/PGC/DRTI/MCD

Appeal No. 432/2018/PGC/DRTI/MCD

Appeal No. 433/2018/PGC/DRTI/MCD

Appeal No. 434/2018/PGC/DRTI/MCD

1. Background

Shri Sunil Kumar Sharma, the appellant vide his applications dated 30/08/2018 under Delhi Right to Information Act, 2001, had sought information from the Competent Authority on 5 points each.

Being aggrieved with non receipt of any information, he filed these appeals before the Commission.

2. Proceedings

The appellant is present and heard.

Shri D.S.Chahal AE (B), Civil Lines Zone, North DMC, is present on behalf of the Competent Authority.

The departmental representative informed that a point-wise reply, has already been sent to the appellant vide department's letter dated 28/09/2018. A copy of the same was submitted in the hearing today.

The information furnished by the department has been perused. The department has informed that the information sought by the appellant is voluminous in nature and shall unnecessarily divert the resources of the department. Moreover, the details are available in the public domain and the details regarding building plans and booking of properties are available on the website of the department. The department has further offered that in case, the appellant requires any information against a specific property then he can inspect the relevant records in the office of the Executive Engineer (B), Civil Lines Zone, North DMC. **During the course of hearing in the Commission today, the departmental representative and the appellant mutually decided that the inspection shall be accorded on Monday, 15th April, 2019, between 3:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M.**

3. Decision

From the perusal of the DRTI applications of the appellant, it appears that the information sought by the appellant is voluminous in nature. Therefore, the Appellate Authority / PGC agrees with the submission of the department that providing this information shall unnecessarily divert the resources of the department.

However, the Competent Authority is directed to ensure that all the relevant records are made available to the appellant for inspection on the date and time mentioned above. Thereafter, copy of documents, identified by the appellant, after inspection of relevant records, shall be furnished to him, on payment of prescribed fee, in accordance with the provisions of Delhi Right to Information Act & Rules, 2001.

The Appellate Authority / PGC would also like to mention here that it has been noticed that Shri Sunil Kumar Sharma has submitted numerous applications in many zones of North DMC seeking information about the complaints / references forwarded by the Monitoring Committee and STF. These Committees were constituted at the apex level with a specific mandate to look into the allegations of unauthorized constructions. It is presumed that these Committees would also be seeking Action Taken Reports from the concerned civic agencies on the complaints forwarded by them. Thus, the matter is between these agencies and the MCDs. Seeking similar information under DRTI Act from the departments would not only be repetitive but also puts a drain on the resources of the department. **Accordingly, the appellant is advised to refrain from seeking information of such general nature by way of multiple applications for various zones of MCD which will not serve any further public interest.**

With the above direction, **these appeal cases are ordered to be closed before the Appellate Authority / PGC.**

(ASHOK KUMAR)
CHAIRMAN,
PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

Appeal Nos.**421 to 425 & 432 to 434**/2018/PGC/DRI/MCD/ Date :

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