

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

(Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi)

APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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

Appeal No. : 422/2019

Date of Hearing : 15/10/2019

Date of Decision : 15/10/2019

Applicant : Shri Deepak Pal

Respondent : Deputy Commissioner
(Civil Lines Zone), North DMC

DRTI Application filed on : 16/05/2019

Appeal filed on : 10/07/2019

1. Background

Shri Deepak Pal, the appellant vide his application dated 16/05/2019 under Delhi Right to Information Act, 2001, had sought information from the Competent Authority on 3 points.

Being aggrieved with the information provided by the department, he filed this appeal before the Commission.

2. Proceedings

The appellant is not present.

Shri Panna Lal, EE (M)-I and Shri K.P.Sing, AE (Civil), are present on behalf of the Competent Authority. The departmental representative submitted a letter dated 15/10/2019 vide which revised point-wise reply to the queries of the appellant has been furnished by the department.

The reply submitted at today's hearing is not signed by the Competent Authority which, in the present appeal case, is Deputy Commissioner (Civil Lines Zone), North DMC. Therefore, the same is not acceptable.

However, the reply of the department has been perused just to save the time of the Commission and the appellant.

The information provided by the department has been perused and it appears that the department has provided satisfactory information to all the queries of the appellant, except for query no. 3.

In response to query no. 3, the department shall specifically inform if there is any provision under the DMC Act, 1957, to take action against the DISCOMs for erecting electricity poles without the permission of the MCD.

3. Decision

The Deputy Commissioner (Civil Lines Zone), North DMC, being the Competent Authority in the present appeal case, shall furnish a revised point-wise reply to all the queries of the appellant, since the reply submitted today has not been signed by him. It has been mentioned in a number of orders previously that under the Delhi Right to Information Act, 2001, only the Competent Authority is authorised to provide information to an applicant. The Deputy Commissioner (Civil Lines Zone), North DMC, must sensitize the staff dealing with applications under DRTI Act, 2001 accordingly and also ensure that this lapse does not occur in future. The revised reply should be sent within 2 weeks of receipt of this order, directly to the appellant, under intimation to this office.

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

(ASHOK KUMAR)
CHAIRMAN,
PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

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Dated :

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