

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

(Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi)

APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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

Date of Hearing : 13/02/2020

Date of Decision : 13/02/2020

Applicant : Shri R.L.Makhija

Respondent : Deputy Commissioner (West Zone), South DMC

DRTI Application filed on : 29/07/2019

DRTI Appeal filed on : 03/09/2019

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. 665/2019/PGC/DRTI/MCD

Appeal No. 670/2019/PGC/DRTI/MCD

1. Background

Shri R.L.Makhija, appellant, vide his 2 DRTI applications dated 29/07/2019 has sought information from the Competent Authority under Delhi Right to Information Act, 2001, on 1 point each.

Aggrieved with non-receipt of any information from the Competent Authority, he filed these appeals before the Appellate Authority / PGC.

2. Proceedings

- (a) Appeal No. 665/2019 – relates to Construction Watch Register of Building-II Division, West Zone, South DMC
- (b) Appeal No. 670/2019 – relates to Construction Watch Register of Building-I Division, West Zone, South DMC

The appellant is present and heard.

Shri S.H.Mujtaba, AE (B), West Zone, South DMC, is present on behalf of the Competent Authority.

The departmental representative submitted a letter dated 12/02/2020 vide which the department has informed that requisite information has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 18/12/2019. A copy of the same was submitted in the hearing today.

The reply has been perused. Vide its reply, the department has informed that the Construction Watch Register is not maintained in B-I & B-II Divisions of West Zone, South DMC. The AE present in the hearing stated that as per instructions, the Construction Watch Register is required to be maintained by the department.

It is observed that the appellant has sought information relating to Construction Watch Registers maintained in B-I& B-II Divisions of West Zone, South DMC for the period 01/01/2017 till date. He is advised not to seek such voluminous information for such a long period of time, as it causes a drain on resources of the department. He should restrict his DRTIs and seek specific information in respect of a particular property where he suspects some malafide on the part of government officials and where government revenue is involved.

3. Decision

The matter is brought to the notice of Commissioner, South DMC, to look into the matter as to why Construction Watch Register is not being maintained in West Zone, South DMC, as it is an important record to know the status of constructions going on in their jurisdiction and whether the constructions are as per the sanctioned building plans. Also, the reply has been signed by "all JEs and all APIOs", Building-I and simply forwarded by the DC. This does not seem to be appropriate, as to how can a reply be signed by all JEs and all APIOs. A copy of the reply given by the department is being enclosed. I shall appreciate a reply in this regard.

Though not a part of DRTI under reference, the Deputy Commissioner (West Zone), South DMC, is advised to direct all the concerned officers in Building I & II Divisions, West Zone, South DMC, to start maintaining Construction Watch Registers immediately since MCD has issued instructions to this effect. Action Taken Report in this regard may be intimated to the Commission for perusal.

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

(ASHOK KUMAR)
CHAIRMAN,
PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

No. Appeals(665 & 670)/2019/PGC/DRI/MCD/

Dated :

To,

1. Shri Gyanesh Bharti, Commissioner, South DMC, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Civic Centre, Jawahar Lal Nehru Road, New Delhi – 110 002.
2. Shri Shirish Sharma, Deputy Commissioner (West Zone), South DMC, Community Centre, Vishal Enclave, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi – 110 027.
3. Shri R. L. Makhija

