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No. 249/AA/SW

Before the Designated First Appellate Authority

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To
First Appellate Authority
Deputy Commissioner of Police
South-West District, Sector-19, Dwarka
New Delhi-110075

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Branch RTI/Beal
No. 2257
Dt. 16/9/17
Insp./Admn.

Appeal filed under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005

1) **Name and address of the appellant:** Ankur Otto

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Name and address of the Public Information Officer to whom the Application was addressed:

Public Information Officer, Delhi Police Headquarters, I. P. Estate, ITO, New Delhi-110002,
Phone: 011-23490201(O)

Particulars of the RTI Application: Information regarding police strength and reservation policy.

1) **Date of submission of the RTI application:** 28.7.2017

2) **Date of reply :** 22.8.2017

3) **Brief facts leading to the appeal:**

I submitted an RTI application to the PIO, DGPs Office on 28.7.2017 seeking the following information:

1. The total strength of personnel in the state's civil and armed police department from 2015-2017.
2. The total number of Hindus, Sikhs, Christians, Muslims, Jains, Buddhists, Jews and Parsi in the police department (Civil and Armed) at Constable, ASI, SI, Inspector, Dy. SP level. Please provide a rank-wise break up for each religious group.
3. The total number of Hindus, Sikhs, Christians, Muslims, Jains, Buddhists, Jews and Parsi in the police department (Civil and Armed) at SP to DGP level (IPS rank). Please provide a rank-wise break up for each religious group.
4. Please provide us with a copy of reservation policy for any religious group (standing orders/circular/guidelines) of the State Government that the state police department is required to follow.
5. Please indicate what steps the state government has taken to implement this reservation policy in the police department. Please provide a brief description of the steps taken at the State level so far.

On points 2 & 3, the PIO did not provide the information requested with the reason that the "no such record is maintained separately in this district".

4) Prayer or relief sought:

- A. I pray that the First Appellate Authority admit my appeal and enquire into the matters raised herein.
- B. I pray that the First Appellate Authority direct the PIO to provide the information sought in my application free of charge as is my right under Section 7 (6) of the RTI Act.

5) Grounds for the prayer or relief:

The PIO did not provide the information sought on the ground that it is no such record is maintained separately in this district, namely by breakup of religious group of police personnel. I would like to bring to your notice that I am receiving this information in this format from all the police districts. This indicates that the breakup by religious group of police personnel is maintained by the Delhi Police. Considering the need for uniformity and consistency in records management within the police, the South West district should be no exception and in fact, this is an opportunity for the South West district to bring its records maintenance on this topic on par with the districts.

It is clear that the information requested does not fall under any of the exemptions cited in Section 8 of the RTI Act. Therefore, I would request you to provide me the information as per the above mentioned points.

I hereby verify that the aforementioned facts are true to the best of my knowledge. I also declare that I have authenticated the Annexes to this appeal.

A fee of Rs.10/- has been deposited in the office of the Public Information Officer, Delhi Police Headquarters vide Indian Postal Order No. 38F 190719 dated 27.07.2017.

I have enclosed a copy of the RTI application as well as a copy of the reply given to me by the PIO.

Signature of the Appellant



Dated:

13/9/17