

RTS panel slaps ₹50k penalty on Faridabad corporation officials

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Chandigarh: The Haryana Right to Service Commission has imposed a penalty of Rs 50,000 on six zonal taxation officer (ZTOs) of Faridabad municipal corporation for inordinately delaying 152 cases of applicants seeking service under "change of name of owner/occupier in property tax register."

Giving more information, the RTS secretary informed that change of name in property tax register is a very crucial service for the citizens. He said that the Commission learned that more than 150 cases were observed to be pending behind the RTS timelines after reviewing Antyodaya SARAL reports. Taking cognizance of the matter, a notice was served to commissioner, MC Faridabad, seeking explanation for the delay. A report was subsequently received

from the Commissioner, MCF, which informed that 152 cases were allocated to 6 different ZTOs who gave their individual explanation regarding delay.

He further stated that while observing the explanation submitted by ZTOs, the commission came to the conclusion that the justifications given were nothing more than a blame game and are sufficiently vague to demonstrate that a loose approach was taken in their work.

The RTS secretary informed that even if one-month's extra time period beyond the RTS timeline to dispose of the cases was condoned in view of the submissions of the ZTOs, even then there were cases that were delayed even further. The commission imposed a token fine of Rs 500 per case for the delay in delivery of notified service, wherever it was longer than one month. The total penalty was Rs 50,000.