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The Public Information Officer has given a reply to the appellant vide letter Rc. No. A1/RTA/2018 dated 25-11-2018.

The appellant was not satisfied with the reply received from the Public Information Officer, he filed 1st appeal dated 14-12-2018 before the 1st Appellate Authority u/s 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 requesting him to furnish the information sought by him.

The 1st Appellate Authority has not responded to the appellant.

As the appellant was not satisfied with the reply received from the Public Information Officer and non response from the 1st Appellate Authority, he preferred this 2nd appeal before this Commission u/s 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 requesting to take action against the PIO and 1st Appellate Authority for not furnishing information sought by him and also to arrange to furnish the information sought by him.

The Appeal was taken on file and notices were issued to both the parties for hearing on 17-12-2020.

The case is called on 17-12-2020. The Appellant is absent. The Public Information Officer / Sri G. V. Satyanarayana, Mandal Panchayat Officer, O/o The Mandal Parishad Development Officer, MPP, Kamepally Mandal, Khammam District is present. The First Appellate Authority / Sri Sk. Silar Saheb, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, O/o The Mandal Parishad Development Officer, MPP, Kamepally Mandal, Khammam District is present.

The First Appellate Authority submitted that vide letter Rc. No. A/RTI/2018 dated 26-11-2018, they have responded to the plea of the appellant and furnished an interim reply, that they are busy with election work and they will furnish information after completion of the election work. He further submitted that vide letter Rc. No. GP/RTI/2019 dated 26-08-2019, the sought information was furnished to the appellant by the Panchayat Secretary concerned and filed an affidavit to this effect.

The Commission warns the Public Information Officer to strictly follow the provisions of the RTI Act, by timely furnishing the information hereafter with reference to Sec. 7(1) of the RTI Act or otherwise action will be taken under the provisions of Sec. 20 of the RTI Act.

In view of the above, the appeal is closed.

Dr. Guguloth Shankar Naik
State Information Commissioner

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