TELANGANA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

(Under Right to Information Act, 2005)
Samachara Hakku Bhavan, D.No.5-4-399, '4' Storied Commercial Complex,
Housing Board Building, Mojam Jahi Market, Hyderabad – 500 001.
Phone Nos: 040-24740665 (o); 040-24740592(f)

Appeal No.9873, 9874 &9875/SIC-KSR/2020
Dated: 01-11-2021

Appellant : Sri V. Shyam, Secunderabad-500 003.

Respondents : **The Public Information Officer (U/RTI Act, 2005) /**
O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Circle No. 5, Saroornagar, Hyderabad

The Appellate Authority (U/RTI Act, 2005) /
O/o the Zonal Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, L.B. Nagar Zone, Hyderabad.

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Sri V. Shyam, Secunderabad-500 003. has filed 2nd appeal dated 26-10-2020 which was received by this Commission on 24-11-2020 for not getting the information sought by him from the PIO / O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Circle No. 5, Saroornagar, Hyderabad and 1st Appellate Authority / O/o the Zonal Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, L.B. Nagar Zone, Hyderabad.

The brief facts of the case as per the appeal and other records received along with it are that the appellant herein filed an application dated **04-03-2020** before the PIO under Sec.6(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, requesting to furnish the information on the following points mentioned in his application:

The Public Information Officer has not furnished the information to the appellant.

Since the appellant did not receive the information from the Public Information Officer, he filed 1st appeal dated **28-07-2020** 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 furnished the information to the Appellant.

As the appellant did not get the information from the Public Information Officer / 1st Appellate Authority even after 30 days of filing his 1st appeal, 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 the case is posted for hearing on 01-11-2021.

The cases are called on 01-11-2021. The Appellant is absent. The Public Information Officer/ Sri H.Krishnaiah, Deputy Commissioner is present. The First Appellate Authority is absent.

The Public Information Officer submitted that vide letter No.674 &672/Circle-05/GHMC/2021 dated 29-10-2021, available information was furnished to the appellant.

A perusal of facts on record that information sought in the RTI Application(s) is largely unspecific and is required to be gathered from voluminous records which may entail disproportionate diversion of resources as per Section 7(9) of the RTI Act.

The information sought in respect of these RTI applications was very large and voluminous and it tantamount to diverting the meager resources of the Public Information Officer thereby impacting the normal functioning of its activities.

In this context, the Commission also referred to the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Central Board of Secondary Education and Anr. Vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay and Ors, SLP(C) NO. 7526/2009 wherein it was held as under:

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"*Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counter-productive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information. The Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquility and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritizing `information furnishing', at the cost of their normal and regular duties.*"

The Commission observed that the appellant has no right to repeat the same or similar information request under the RTI Act, 2005. And also the multiple, formatted applications and demanding voluminous information will not be entertained hereafter. The Commission advised the appellant to seek specific information in particular matters of public interest so that the same could be identified and furnished.

With the above observation, these appeals are closed.

Katta Shekar Reddy
State Information Commissioner

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