

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: 040-24740638 (o); 040-24740592(Fax)

Appeal No. 6443/SIC-Dr.Mohd.Ameer/2020

Dated: 14-06-2022

Appellant : **Sri L. SANTOSH KUMAR, R/o Hyderabad District**

Respondents : **The Public Information Officer (U/RTI Act, 2005) /
Director, O/o The Chairman & Managing Director, TSSPDCL, #6-1-50, Mint Compound, Hyderabad**

**The Appellate Authority (U/RTI Act, 2005) /
Director, O/o The Chairman & Managing Director, TSSPDCL, #6-1-50, Mint Compound, Hyderabad.**

ORDER

1. **Sri L. SANTOSH KUMAR, R/o Hyderabad District** has filed 2nd appeal dated 10-08-2020 which was received by this Commission on 10-08-2020 for not getting the information sought by him from the PIO / Director, O/o The Chairman & Managing Director, TSSPDCL, #6-1-50, Mint Compound, Hyderabad and 1st Appellate Authority / Director, O/o The Chairman & Managing Director, TSSPDCL, #6-1-50, Mint Compound, Hyderabad.

2. 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 **18-01-2020** before the PIO requesting to furnish the information under Sec.6(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, on the following points mentioned in his application:

- 2) For each of the above 9 power connections, please provide the following details in a tabular format.
 - a) Application No.
 - b) USC No.
 - c) Service No.
 - d) Name & Father/Husband Name of the applicant
 - e) Date on which the application was submitted
 - f) Dates on which the power connection was sanctioned
 - g) Type of the Document proof submitted for ownership of the building along with the document number.
 - h) Type of ID Proof and Address proof submitted by the applicant
 - i) Name & Designation of all the official(s) who has provided the approval/authorization for the connection.
 - j) Name & Designation of all the official(s) who has done the physical verification of the building premises for verification.
- 3) Please find attached copies of the RTI reply given by the TSSPDCL with the list of the Power Connections issued to the residents of the Veerannagutta Housing Colony in Lalbagh area of Amberpet, Hyderabad – 500013 to one applicant Sri Md. Zaheeruddin along with all the application forms, ID proofs submitted by the applicants. So there is no point of any excuses to deny the same to me in the name of privacy or 3rd party or any other reasons.
- 4) As per the Electricity Regulation Act or any other relevant/applicable acts, please provide the maximum power connections limit that can be issued to any residential house and residential building.
- 5) What action can be taken by the concerned officials (against the below persons) for the connections which are issued against the rules & regulations:
 - a) Against the concerned officials for issuing the power connections violating the norms (by accepting benefits from the Applicants) of the power connections, or by virtue of their negligence to inspect the premises of the house/flat/shop/complex, willfully neglect to check the details of the previously issued connections for the premises etc.
 - b) Against the Applicants of the Power Connections for indulging in willfully cheating the Govt. to get more Power Connections than the no. of permitted connections as per rules, bribing the officials by providing benefits in any form.
- 6) Please allocate me 3 days' time for inspection of the all records related to these allotments in your office. 2 more persons will accompany me for the inspection. Please intimate me at least 3 days in advance so that I can plan for visiting your office for inspection. I will identify the documents required and pay the necessary stationery charges for the same as per the stipulated charges mentioned in the RTI Act 2005.
- 7) If any of the documents requested for are not present in your office then please forward my RTI application copy to the relevant office to provide the documents requested for and also send a copy of the same to me.

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

4. Since the appellant did not receive the information from the Public Information Officer, he filed 1st appeal dated **12-03-2020** before the 1st Appellate Authority requesting him to furnish the information sought by him u/s 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. 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 requesting to arrange to furnish the information sought by him u/s 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

The 2nd Appeal was taken on file and notices were issued to the parties concerned for hearing on **14-06-2022**.

On 14-06-2022 the case is called. The Appellant is absent. The Public Information Officer / General Manager, TSSPDCL, Mint Compound, Hyderabad is present. The 1st Appellate Authority is present.

The Public Information Officer submitted that the information sought was rejected u/s 8(1)(j) of RTI Act 2005 vide letter No.ID No.17/2020, D.No.30/2020 dated 25-01-2020.

The record goes to show that the appellant in his 6(1) application sought voluminous and 3rd party information without disclosing larger public interest involved in seeking such vast information.

The appellant did not choose to attend the hearing nor filed affidavit offering his version.

In view of the above, the Commission upholds the decision of the Public Information Officer in rejecting the sought information u/s 8(1)(j) of RTI Act 2005.

With above observation, **the Appeal is closed.**

Dr. Mohd. Ameer
State Information Commissioner

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