

TELANGANA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

(Under Right to Information Act, 2005)

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Housing Board Building, Mojam Jahi Market, Hyderabad – 500 001.
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Appeal No. 6454/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 09-01-2020 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. Particulars of information sought:

- 1) Please provide the name of the Department or Agency which frames the Rules, Regulations and/or Guidelines for the Domestic, Semi-Commercial & Commercial Power Connections in the State of Telangana (also including erstwhile undivided AP).
- 2) Please provide attested/certified copies of the Rules, Regulations and/or Guidelines issued by the Department mentioned in point (1) above between the period 2001 to 2019.
- 3) Please provide all the categories of Power Connections issued by the TSSPDCL (erstwhile APSPDCL) like domestic, commercial, etc.
- 4) Please provide the different types of establishments categorized by TSSPDCL like Residential, Independent Villa, Multi-storied Independent Residential Building, Semi-Residential, Apartment, Commercial, Industrial, etc., for providing the power connections.
- 5) As per the Rules, Regulations & Guidelines issued by your Department, please provide the following details related to power connections issued by your department in the state of Telangana for establishment type as 'Independent House', 'Independent Villa', 'Multi-storied Independent Residential Building', 'Multi-storied Independent Semi-Residential Building (Le., with shops)', 'Flat in Apartment', 'Commercial Office/Shop', 'Multi-storied Commercial Building', 'Small Factory', 'Industry', 'Shopping Mall', 'Commercial Complex', 'Office':

- (b) Power Connection Category to be issued
 - (c) Maximum No. of Power Meters (Power Connections) to be issued
 - (d) Type of Power Meters to be issued
 - (e) Designation of the Authority who is authorized to issue Power Connections & to this establishment type
 - (f) Designation of the Authority who is responsible for site inspection before and after issue of Power Connection
 - (g) Any other additional equipment to be installed at the premises of this establishment type
 - (h) Designation of the Authority who will be held responsible for any violations in the issuance of the Power Connection(s)
- 6) Has your department uploaded the relevant documents with Rules, Regulations & Guidelines related to all Power Connections in your website under section 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act 2005? If yes, then provide the URL using which these files can be accessed on your website. If no, please provide the reasons for the same.
- 7) 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 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.

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 15-02-2020 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 sought information was furnished to the appellant on 9-9-2021 vide letter No.1477/2021-22.

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

On perusal of the information furnished it is noticed that the information furnished does not relate to the present 6(1) application and it relates to the application of the applicant dated 17-7-2021, the matter in both the 6(1) application is different. The appellant in the present 6(1) application sought the rules and regulations guidelines of the department for giving various service connections and other related matters which might be available in the public domain.

Therefore, the Commission directs the Public Information Officer to furnish the available information to the appellant or to furnish URL link if the information is available in the website, **within (15) days** from the date of receipt of this order and submit compliance to the Commission.

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

Dr. Mohd. Ameer
State Information Commissioner

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