

TELANGANA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

(Under Right to Information Act, 2005)

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Complaint No. 9371/SIC-Dr.Mohd.Ameer/2020

Dated: 18-05-2022

Complainant : Sri MADHU MAHESHUNI M.A., R/o Siddipet District
Respondents : The Public Information Officer (U/RTI Act, 2005) /
O/o The Assistant Secretary, TMREIS, Banjara Hills, Road No.10,
Hyderabad.

ORDER

Sri MADHU MAHESHUNI M.A., R/o Siddipet District has filed a Complaint dated 11-11-2020 which was received by this Commission on 12-11-2020 for not getting the information sought by him from the PIO / O/o The Assistant Secretary, TMREIS, Banjara Hills, Road No.10, Hyderabad.

The brief facts of the case as per the Complaint and other records received along with it are that the Complainant herein filed an application dated 12-10-2020 under Sec.6(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, before the PIO seeking following information:

నేను (మధు మహేష్ ని M.A.) 25-8-2020 నా సమాచార హక్కు చట్టం కింద TMREIS సంస్థలోని కొంత సమాచారమును కోరాను కాలపరిమితి ముగిసిపోయిన ను ఈ సమాచారమునకు సంబంధించిన ఎటువంటి వివరాలు నాకు చేరలేదు కావున మీరు త్వరగా స్పందించి సమాచారం పంపవలసిందిగా కోరుచున్నాము. చర్యలు తీసుకోవలసిందిగా కోరుచున్నాను.

The PIO has not furnished the sought information to the complainant.

As the complainant did not receive the sought information from the PIO even after 30 days of filing his application, he preferred this Complaint before the Commission requesting to arrange to furnish the information sought by him.

The Complaint was taken on file and notices were issued to the parties concerned for hearing on 19-04-2022.

On 19-04-2022 the case is called. The Complainant is absent. The Public Information Officer, O/o the Assistant Secretary, TMREIS, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad is absent.

The representative of the Public Information Officer came to the office after hearing and submitted that the notice was received in the morning and the Public Information Officer is on leave and hence requested for adjournment of the case.

In view of the above, the Complaint was adjourned to 18-05-2022.

On 18-05-2022 the case is called. The Complainant is absent. The Public Information Officer / Assistant Secretary, TMREIS, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad is present.

The Public Information Officer submitted that the applicant sought information of many subjects by way one application and as such he was informed on 2-12-2020 vide letter No.A5/6749/TMREIS/2020 to seek information on specific matters. He further submitted that the applicant sought vast information on various items of TMREIS Schools of entire State which needs collection of material from all the Schools which takes lot of time.

The Commission is of the view that the applicant has sought voluminous information on various items of Schools located in the entire State.

In this context it would be relevant to refer to the decision of the Hon'ble Apex Court in the Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 (arising out of SLP(C) No. 7526/2009 in CBSE and Anr (Appellants) Vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay & others (Respondents). Wherein the Court observed thus:

"The right to information is a cherished right. The provisions of RTI Act should be enforced strictly and all efforts should be made to bring to light the necessary information under clause (b) of section 4(1) of the Act which relates to securing transparency and accountability in the working of public authorities and in discouraging corruption. 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 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."

Following the ratio laid-down in the above decision the applicant is advised to restrict his questions to minimum possible and to ask specific questions.

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

In view of the above, the Commission directs the Public Information Officer to furnish the available information of their office to the Complainant **within (15) days** from the date of receipt of this order and report compliance to the Commission.

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

Dr. Mohd. Ameer
State Information Commissioner

Authenticated by:

Assistant Registrar
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