

# Telangana State Information Commission

(Under Right to Information Act, 2005)

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**Appeal No:9304/SIC-MNR/2021**

**Date: - 29-03-2022**

Appellant : Sri V. Aravind, H.No. 1-9-157/1,  
Metpally Post & Mandal, Jagtial  
District – 505 325.

Respondents : Public Information Officer  
(U/RTI Act, 2005)  
O/o the District Educational Officer,  
Karimnagar District.

First Appellate Authority  
(U/RTI Act, 2005)  
The District Educational Officer,  
Karimnagar District.

## Order

Sri V. Aravind has filed second appeal which was received by this Commission on **04-08-2021** for not getting the information sought by him from the Public Information Officer/ O/o the District Educational Officer, Karimnagar District and the First Appellate Authority/ the District Educational Officer, Karimnagar District.

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 **12-10-2020** before the Public Information Officer/ O/o the District Collector, Karimnagar District requesting to furnish the information under Sec. 6(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 on the following points mentioned:

1) Please provide Certified copies of note files (documents) consisting rules to be followed in counselling to allot KGBV Schools to PGCRT Candidates, who qualified in TSSAR 2018 Exam and recruited in erstwhile Karimnagar district, signed by the then DEO'S, who conducted counseling during contract agreement for PGCRT Candidates

1A) in 2018 year 1B) in 2020 year

2) Please provide the certified copies of declaration/ kgbv school option forms submitted by PGCRT English candidate, in which kgbv school preferences were opted by candidates during contract agreement for erstwhile Karimnagar district on 31-1-2020

3A) Please provide the official phone number of public information officer and first appellate authority

3B) Please provide the postal address of Karimnagar Collectorate office

4) Please provide the PGCRT English Ranks of Last candidates of each Reservation category, who were recruited through contract agreement in 2018 year in Erstwhile karimnagar district and qualified TSSAR-2018 exam in the following tabular format.

District education officer & Ex-officio- district project officer, samagra shiksha Karimnagar district								
PGCRT English Ranks of each Reservation category Last candidates who were recruited through contract agreement in 2018 year in Erstwhile karimnagar district and qualified TSSAR-2018 exam								
Reservation category of Last Candidate	OC	BC-A	BC-B	BC-C	BC-D	BC-E	SC	ST
Rank in TSSAR-2018								

Signature of DEO & EO-DPO, SS  
Karimnagar district

5) Please provide the information and information copies from Government or commissioner of school Education and EO-SPD,SS based on which priority was given to candidates in allotment of KGBV –Schools to PGCRT Candidates who qualified in TSSAR-2018 Exam and

5A) Recruited in 2018 year through contract agreement in erstwhile Karimnagar district and on which date the copy was issued in DDMMYYYY Format

5B) Recruited on 31-01-2020 year through contract agreement in erstwhile Karimnagar district and on which date the copy was issued in DDMMYYYY Format

6) Please provide the list of PGCRT English Candidates who qualified in TSSAR-2018 Exam and recruited in erstwhile Karimnagar district in the counseling /recruitment conducted on 31-01-2020 in the order as the candidate given priority in allotment of KGBV Schools in Tabular format given below

## **(4) more points.**

The Public Information Officer through Lr.No. H2/1813/2020 dated 29-10-2020 transferred the application under section 6(3) of RTI Act, 2005 to the Public Information Officer/ O/o the District Educational Officer, Karimnagar District with a request to furnish the information to the appellant directly under intimation to their office.

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Stating that the appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the Public Information Officer, he filed 1<sup>st</sup> appeal dated **04-01-2021** before the First Appellate Authority requesting him to furnish the information sought by him u/s 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Stating that the appellant did not get any response from the First Appellate Authority, he preferred this 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal before this Commission requesting to arrange to furnish the information sought by him u/s 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

In view of the above, notice is issued to both the parties to attend for hearing on **16-02-2022 at 10.30 AM.**

The Case is heard on 16-02-2022. Sri V.Gnaneshwar, representative of the appellant is present and stated that the PIO has not furnished the information. The PIO/ O/o. the District Educational Officer, Karimnagar District is absent.

Heard the appellant and perused the material papers available on record the Commission observed that the PIO has failed to furnish the information to the appellant and was absent for hearing even after the receipt of notice from the Commission. The Commission directs to issue **Show Cause Notice** to the PIO for not furnishing the information and also for his/her absence for hearing before the Commission.

The Commission is of the view that the First Appellate Authority is a senior officer to the Public Information Officer and to ensure that the Public Information Officer is discharging his functions properly rests upon him. The very fact that the First Appellate Authority has not responded shows his lethargic attitude and wanton negligence to perform his obligations under RTI Act. Hence the Commission directs the First Appellate Authority to submit his explanation for not taking any action against the public Information Officer in performing his duties as per the provisions of RTI Act.2005.

The Commission also directs the PIO to furnish the information to the appellant within one week from the date of receipt of this order through RPAD and to report compliance to the Commission. The order on **Show Cause Notice** will be dealt separately.

With the above direction, the appeal is adjourned and postponed to **16-03-2022 at 10:30 AM.**

The case was again heard on 16-03-2022. The appellant was absent. The PIO and the FAA O/o the District Educational Office are also absent. Since the PIO & FAA are absent the Case was adjourned to **29-03-2022.**

The case is again heard on 29-03-2022. The FAA/Sri Ch.Janardhan Rao, District Educational Officer, Karimnagar District is present and stated that vide letter No.849/RTI/N.N/2020 the part information was furnished to the appellant and for remaining information the appellant was called for verification of records but the appellant did not approach their office.

Heard the PIO and perused the material papers available on record. The Commission observed that the PIO has furnished the part information to the appellant and for remaining information called the appellant for verification of records.

Hence the Commission directs the PIO to once again call the appellant for verification of records as per Section 2(j) of RTI Act by issuing a prior intimation to the appellant and furnish the remaining information within two weeks through RPAD and to report compliance to the Commission.

With the above direction, the appeal is closed.

**MYDA NARAYAN REDDY**  
**STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

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**Section Officer**  
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