

Telangana State Information Commission

(Under Right to Information Act, 2005)
D.No.5-4-399, Samachara Hakku Bhavan (Old ACB Building),
Mojam-jahi-Market, Hyderabad – 500001.
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Appeal No: 11035/SIC-SK/2020

Date: - 08-07-2021

Appellant : Smt. T. Geetha Devi, Hyderabad.

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

First Appellate Authority
(U/RTI Act, 2005)
O/o the District Educational Officer,
Nampally, Hyderabad.

Order

Smt. T. Geetha Devi, Hyderabad has filed 2nd appeal dated: 18-12-2020 which was received by this Commission on 21-12-2020 for not getting the information sought by him from the PIO / O/o the District Educational Officer, Nampally, Hyderabad and 1st Appellate Authority / O/o the District Educational Officer, Nampally, 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: 16-09-2020 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:

Ref:-
1. Communication letter vide No AG(A&E)/P19/II/G-417/SP789/2020-01/3785 dated 10/02/2020.
2. Letter of Holy Family High School dated 04.03.2020.

Vide reference 1st cited the principal accounts general (A&E) Telangana has communicated With respect to settlement of my retirements benefits.

Vide reference 2nd cited the correspondent, Holy Family High school, Tirimulgeery has communicated vide letter to DEO, Hyderabad district through Deputy educational officer, Tirimulgeery Mandal requesting to release leave salary arrears bills.

This is to inform you that I have retired on 30.11.2019 and my leave salary arrears bills of Rs.3,83,061/- (Rupees three lakhs eighty three thousand and sixty one only) is pending.

With reference to above cited subject certain information is sought under RTI act, 2005 as under:-

1. What is the time period for release of leave salary arrears bills after retirement of an employee?
2. What is the status of Letter of Holy Family High School dated 04.03.2020.
3. What is the reason for delay in release of my leave salary arrears bills?
4. When shall I receive my leave salary arrears bills?

Stating that the appellant did not receive the information from the PIO, the appellant filed 1st appeal dated: 09-11-2020 before the 1st Appellate Authority requesting him to furnish the information sought by him u/s 19(1) of the RTI Act.

Stating that the appellant did not get the information from the PIO / 1st Appellate Authority even after 30 days of filing his 1st appeal, he preferred this 2nd appeal before this Commission 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 u/s 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

In view of the above, the 2nd appeal may be taken on file and Notices issued to both the parties for hearing on 08-07-2021 at 11.00 A.M.

In view of the Covid -19 Pandemic, the cases are heard over phone on 08-07-2021 with prior intimation to the concerned parties. The appellant responded and stated that the PIO has furnished the information. The PIO / Sri. Srinivas, Assistant Director, O/o the District Educational Officer, LB Stadium, Hyderabad responded and stated that the information sought is in questionnaire form hence no information was furnished, but even though all the retirement arrear bills of the appellant were cleared. The PIO failed to submit the documentary evidence before the Commission.

Heard both the parties and perused the material paper available on record. The Commission took a serious view against the PIO for not furnishing the information to the appellant within the stipulated period of 30 days as per Section 7(1) of the RTI Act 2005. The Commission warns the PIO not to repeat such lapses in future and strictly adhere to the provisions of the RTI Act 2005.

With the above warning, the appeal is closed.

SYED KHALEELULLAH
STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

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Section Officer

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