

# Telangana State Information Commission

(Under Right to Information Act, 2005)  
D.No.5-4-399, Samachara Hakku Bhavan (Old ACB Building),  
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**Appeal No: 2873/SIC-SK/2020**

**Date: - 26-08-2021**

Appellant : Sri M. Padmanabha Reddy, Hyderabad.

Respondents : Public Information Officer  
(U/RTI Act, 2005)  
The Assistant Secretary to  
Government, School Education  
Department, Government of Telangana,  
Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.  
  
First Appellate Authority  
(U/RTI Act, 2005)  
The Deputy Secretary to Government,  
School Education Department,  
Government of Telangana,  
Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.

## **Order**

Sri M. Padmanabha Reddy, Hyderabad has filed 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal dated: 29-02-2020 which was received by this Commission on 02-03-2020 for not getting the information sought by him from the PIO / O/o the Principal Secretary to Government, School Education Department, Government of Telangana, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad and 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority / O/o the Principal Secretary to Government, School Education Department, Government of Telangana, Telangana Secretariat, 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: 11-12-2019 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:

During the year 2009 some teacher claimed medical bills fraudulently. V&E department took up detailed enquiry and found 364 teachers have produced fraud medical bills and drawn an amount of Rs.5.04 crores. The teachers were suspended and Government ordered for criminal prosecution by filing complaints with police. Subsequently the orders were modified to recover the amount drawn fraudulently and to withhold 3 increments. Amounts were recovered from some teachers and from balance teachers it is yet to be recovered. Stoppage of 3 increments was not implemented.

The straight forward case enquired in detail by V&E department is kept pending without action since last 10 years. Their recommendation to prosecute 364 teachers was initially agreed and later on modified to recovery.

And more few points.

Stating that the appellant did not receive the information from the PIO, the appellant filed 1<sup>st</sup> appeal dated: 30-01-2020 before the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 / 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority even after 30 days of filing his 1<sup>st</sup> appeal, he preferred this 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal before this Commission requesting to take action against the PIO and 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal may be taken on file and Notices issued to both the parties for hearing on 26-08-2021 at 10.30 A.M.

The case is called on 26-08-2021. The appellant is absent. The PIO / Sri AVN. Ramesh Kumar, Assistant Secretary to Government, School Education Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad is present and filed his affidavit stating that a reply was given to the appellant vide letter No: 9462/SE.VIG.(2)/2019 dated: 10-01-2020 and filed a copy of the information furnished along with the acknowledgement of the appellant before the Commission.

Heard the PIO and perused the material papers available on record and observed that the appellant filed 6(1) application dated: 11-12-2019 seeking information on 2 points and the PIO vide letter dated: 10-01-2020 informed that the matter is still under examination, hence it is not feasible to give the information at this stage / juncture.

The Commission directs the PIO to furnish the present stage of the matter and give a specific reply to the appellant within One (1) Week from the date of receipt of this order through Registered post with acknowledgement due and to report compliance to the Commission.

With the above direction, the appeal is closed.

**SYED KHALEELULLAH**  
**STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

**Authenticated by:**

**Section Officer**  
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