

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: 9773/SIC-SK/2020

Date: - 08-07-2021

Appellant : Sri. Rasheed Ahmed, 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

Sri. Rasheed Ahmed, Hyderabad has filed 2nd appeal dated: 23-11-2020 which was received by this Commission on 23-11-2020 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: 12-02-2020 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:

In response to the instruction issued vide reference 1st cited above to the D.E.O Hyderabad by The Secretary Telangana State Minorities Commission submitted the information vide ref. 2nd cited that near about (154) government schools (P.S/UPS./ H.S) in Hyderabad District are closed down under amalgamation of schools in the year 2006, 2007 and 2009, due to various reasons like functioning of one or more schools in the same premises, in economic strength and enrollment and same media.

Therefore the public information officer is requested to kindly arrange to furnish the details mass close down 154 schools with name and location required under the RTI ACT 2005 section 5, 5(a), 6, 6(a).

Stating that the appellant did not receive the information from the PIO, the appellant filed 1st appeal dated: 03-11-2020 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 not furnished the information. The PIO / Sri. Srinivas, Assistant Director, O/o the District Educational Officer, LB Stadium, Hyderabad responded and stated that a reply was given to the appellant on 08-07-2021, but failed to submit the documentary evidence before the Commission.

Heard both the parties and perused the material paper available on record and observed that the appellant through his 6(1) application dated: 12-02-2020 is seeking information regarding the mass close down of 154 Schools with name and location. Upon not filing any documentary evidence of furnishing the information, the Commission cannot accept the submission of the PIO.

The Commission took a serious view and directs to issue **Show Cause Notice** to the present PIO & the then PIO / O/o the District Educational Officer, LB Stadium, Hyderabad 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 action on the **Show Cause Notice** will be dealt separately.

The Commission directs the PIO to furnish the complete information to the appellant as sought through his 6(1) application dated: 12-02-2020 within Two (2) Weeks 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

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Section Officer
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Note: Typographical error in the appellant name which is typed as Sri Rasheed Khan is corrected as Sri Rasheed Ahmed.