

Telangana State Information Commission

(Under Right to Information Act, 2005)

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Complaint No: 3885/SIC-SK/2022

Date: 18-08-2022

Complainant : Sri P. Prabhakar, Adilabad District.
Respondent : Public Information Officer
(U/RTI Act, 2005)
O/o the Mandal Praja Development
Officer, Jainad Mandal,
Adilabad District.

Order

Sri P. Prabhakar, Adilabad District has filed a Complaint dated 22-03-2022 which was received by this Commission on 23-03-2022 for not getting the information sought by him from the PIO / O/o the Mandal Praja Development Officer, Jainad Mandal, Adilabad District.

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: 30-09-2021 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 annexed.

పాఠకుడు ప్రతికరించిన విషయాలను దిద్దిన తర్వాత కావలసిన సమాచారము

శ్రీ సాయి మండలం కోసం

1) గ్రామ పంచాయతీకి వచ్చిన పిలుపుల సంఖ్యను తెలియజేయండి. 01-08-2021

2) గ్రామ పంచాయతీలకు పంపించిన పిలుపుల సంఖ్యను తెలియజేయండి. 15 వ తీర్మానం పంపించిన పిలుపుల సంఖ్యను తెలియజేయండి. 15 వ తీర్మానం పంపించిన పిలుపుల సంఖ్యను తెలియజేయండి.

3) పిలుపుల సంఖ్యను పంపించిన ఫిట్టయ పట్టుల వారానా సంఖ్యను తెలియజేయండి. గ్రామ పంచాయతీల సంఖ్యను తెలియజేయండి. మరల జాబ్ కే విలువ పంపించిన పిలుపుల సంఖ్యను తెలియజేయండి. గ్రామ పంచాయతీల సంఖ్యను తెలియజేయండి. గ్రామ పంచాయతీల సంఖ్యను తెలియజేయండి.

Stating that the PIO has not furnished the required information 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 u/s 18(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

In view of the above, the Complaint was taken on file and Notices issued to both the parties for hearing on 18-08-2022 at 10.30 A.M.

The case is called on 18-08-2022. The complainant is absent. The PIO / Sri G. Venkata Raju, Mandal Panchayat Officer, Jainad Mandal, Adilabad District is present and filed his affidavit stating that the complainant through his 6(1) application dated: 30-09-2021 seeking information of 42 Gram Panchayats in the Mandal and vide letter No: M2/RTI-2005/2021 dated: 05-10-2021 the application was forwarded to all the Gram Panchayat Secretaries in the mandal with a request to furnish the information to the complainant and vide letter dated: 11-04-2022 the complainant was requested to pay Rs. 69,032/-, since the complainant failed to pay the requisite fee, the information was not furnished. The PIO filed copy of the letter dated: 05-10-2021 before the Commission.

Heard the PIO and perused the material papers available on record. The action of the PIO is not in accordance to the provisions of the RTI Act.

The PIO ought to have furnished the available & held information in their office to the complainant and for the remaining information, the PIO should have informed the complainant to file separate application before the concerned Public Authority. The PIO in order to provide the information wasted lot of time by referring it to several PIOs with whom the information is available, by which the purpose of furnishing the information in time i.e., within 30 days is defeated with reference to section 7(1) of the RTI Act.

The Commission refers to the memo issued by the Government of India vide memorandum No: 10/2/2008-IR dated: 12-06-2008 by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension Department of Personnel & Training, New Delhi. (Refer to page No: 77, 78 & 79 of the RTI Act 2005 for reference).

The Commission directs the PIO to furnish the information to the complainant only after paying the requisite fee and the Commission advises the complainant to file separate 6(1) applications before the concerned Public Authorities and obtain the required information after paying the requisite fee as per RTI Act 2005.

In view of the above, the complaint is closed.

SYED KHALEELULLAH
STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Authenticated by:

Section Officer

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