

CHANDRANATH WEERAKKODY.VS. MINISTRY OF SPORTS

RTIC Appeal (In Person Hearing) 937/2019-Order adopted as part of the formal meeting of the Commission on 29.07.2019.

Order under Section 32 (1) of the Right to Information Act, No. 12 of 2016 and Record of Proceedings under Rule 28 of the Right to Information Rules of 2017 (Fees and Appeal Procedure)

Chairperson: Mr. Mahinda Gammampila

Mr. S.G. Punchihewa

Dr. Selvy Thiruchrandran

Justice Rohoni Walgama

Appellant: Chandranath Weerakkody

Notice issued to: Secretary, Ministry of Sports

Appearance/ Representation by:

Appellant: absent and unrepresented

Public Authority: Chalaka N. Silva- Sri Lanka Cricket, Manager, Legal

RTI Request filed on:	19.10.2018
IO responded on:	No response
First Appeal to DO filed on:	26.11.2018
DO responded on:	No Response

Brief Factual Background:

The appellant by his information request on the above date made to the Information Officer of the Public Authority has requested the disclosure of the six items of information as stated below;

1. A complete report of the monitory and other funds received by Kalutara Fitness Circle between 2014 and 2017,
2. The copies of the estimates presented to Sri Lanka Cricket by Kalutara Fitness Circle to receive money,
3. The copies of technical or other documents containing information as to whether the Kalutara Fitness Circle has utilised the money given to them as monitory estimates for which they were requested.
4. A full copy of a disciplinary examination conducted by the Sri Lanka Cricket to investigate any misappropriation of money by the officers of Kalutara Fitness Circle between 2015 and 2016,
5. Have the recommendation given in the disciplinary examination been implemented? If not the copies of documents that have presented providing reasons as to why the recommendation have not been implemented,
6. A copy of the documents which illustrate the action taken by Sri Lanka Cricket Board in relation to the newspaper article published on LANKADEEPA on 8th July 2016 with the heading 'P.C.C. of Kalitara has asked for an examination of the field of the cricket stadium'.

It is abundantly clear from the appeal to the Commission that the appellant was not successful in receiving the said information from IO within the stipulated time period mentioned in the Act and as such had lodged an appeal to the designated officer. As there was no response from said officer the appellant preferred the instant appeal to the Commission to obtain the information stated above.

The Commission on receipt of the instant appeal had noticed both parties to appear on 29.07.2019 for the hearing of the appeal.

Matters arising at the hearing of the appeal

At the hearing of the appeal on the above date, the appellant was absent and unrepresented. The public authority was represented by an officer of the Sri Lanka Cricket.

It was informed by the Public Authority that the information requested by the appellant has been already released to the appellant. Hence in the said backdrop the Commission moved to conclude the appeal.

Order;

As the requested information has been released to the Appellant by the Public Authority, the Commission moved to conclude the Appeal.

Accordingly appeal is concluded.

Order is hereby conveyed to both parties in terms of Rule 27(3) of the Commission's Rules on Fees and Appeal Procedures (Gazette No.2004/66, 03.02.2017)

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