

J.A.V De Silva vs. Municipal Council Galle

RTIC Appeal (In-Person Hearing) 727/2018- Order adopted as part of a formal meeting of the Commission on 18.03.2019.

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: Mahinda Gammampila

Commission Members: S.G. Punchihewa
Dr. Selvy Thiruchandran
Justice Rohini Walgama

Appellant: J.A.V De Silva

Notice Issued to: Designated Officer, Municipal Council Galle

Appearance/Represented by:

Appellant Absent
PA Mithila S. Kodikara, Legal Officer
Ranjanie Jayalathge, Technical Officer

RTI Request filed on	05.07.2017
IO responded on	05.07.2017
First Appeal to DO filed on	31.07.2017
DO responded on	02.08.2018
Appeal to RTIC filed on	17.09.2018

Brief Factual Background:

The Appellant by his letter dated 05.07.2017 had requested a certified copy of the letter issued by the Commissioner of Urban Council to the Southern Provincial Commissioner of Local Government letter dated 20.04.2018 on the construction of the building contrary to the approved plan of the house No.65, Temples Road, Kaluwella, Galle.

The Information Officer on 05.07.2017 acknowledged the Information request. Dissatisfied with the response of the Information Officer the Appellant lodged an appeal with the Designated Officer on 31.07.2017. The Designated Officer acknowledged the Information request on 02.08.2018. Dissatisfied with the response of the Designated Officer the Appellant preferred an appeal to the Commission on 17.09.2018.

Matters Arising During the Hearing:

At the Right to Information Commission of Sri Lanka

The Appellant was absent. The Appellant by the letter dated 05.03.2019 Informed the Commission that he had received the relevant responses from the legal officer of the Municipal Council for his information requests. Therefore the Appellant is satisfied with the same.

Order:

The Commission observes that appropriate responses have been provided by the Public Authority to the satisfaction of the Appellant. The Appeal is therefore 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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Dr. SelvyThiruchandran – Commissioner

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Justice R. Walgama – Commissioner

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S. G. Punchihewa – Commissioner