

The Right to Information Commission

RTIC Appeal No: 441/2021

C. Amarasinghe,
No. 22/B,
Temple Road,
Ekala

-Appellant-

Vs.

Urban Development Authority,
6th, 7th and 9th Floors,
“Sethsiripaya”,
Battaramulla.

-Public Authority-

Before : 1. Justice Upaly Abeyrathne (Rtd.) - Chairman
2. Kishali Pinto-Jayawardena (Attorney-at-Law) - Commissioner
3. Mr. Jagath Liyana Arachchi (Attorney-at-Law) - Commissioner

Appearance : The Appellant is absent.
The Public Authority represented by Ms. Chalani Narangoda,
Administrative Officer (Information Officer) – via Zoom
Technology.

Written Submission: The Appellant on : Not submitted
The Public authority on : Not submitted

Date of Hearing : 02.03.2022, 31.05.2022

Decided on : 31.05.2022

Decision of the Commission:

We note that the Appellant has not made a proper information request to the Public Authority. On the face of the record, it appears that the Appellant has sent a letter dated 06.05.2015 to the said Public Authority. At the time of sending the said letter, the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016 is not in operation. Subsequent letters sent by the Appellant to the Public Authority reveals that the Appellant is awaiting for a reply for the letter dated 06.05.2015 which is not an information request under the Act.

In the circumstances, we note that the Appellant cannot have and maintain this appeal since the alleged information request had been made prior to the enactment of the Act No. 12 of 2016. Therefore, we decide to dismiss the appeal of the Appellant.

The Director General is directed to convey the decision to the Appellant, the Information Officer and the Public Authority.

Appeal dismissed.