

he Right to Information Commission

D. Amuthan,
Vanniyasingam Road,
Thellippalai East, Thellippalai,
Jaffna

-Appellant-

RTIC App/No : 920/2021 Vs.

Mahaweli Authority,
500, T B Jaya Mawatha,
Colombo-01

-Public Authority-

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

Appearance : The Appellant participated via Zoom Technology.

The Public authority represented by Eng. D.M.N.J Dhanapala, Deputy
Director General (Designated Officer) W.G.C.P Kumara, Admin
Officer and Ms. Nirosha Kumari, Physical Planner.

Written Submission : Appellant – Not submitted
Public Authority - 28.12.2021 & 27.04.2022

Date of Hearing : 02.06.2022

Decided on : 02.06.2022

Decision of the Commission:

Factual Background

By Information Request dated 22.04.2021, the Appellant requested the below information;

“What are the administrative areas of North Province that are being governed under your development Authority? When did each of these areas come under the purview of your administration (No. of the Gazette issued in this regard) what are the extend of each?”

As the Information Officer failed to respond within the time period stipulated in the Act, the Appellant appealed to the Designated Officer dated 21.05.2021. As the Officer too failed to respond within the time period stipulated in the Act, the Appellant preferred an Appeal to the Commission dated 07.07.2021.

In response to the notice issued by the Commission, the Public Authority sent a letter dated 28.12.2021 stating that since the Public Authority had not received any information request, it contacted the Appellant via telephone and obtain the information request. Accordingly, it was on process for further action on that request.

The Public Authority has sent another letter dated 27.04.2022 stating that requested information has been sent to the respective person by their letter no. MASL/D/HRD/RT/-480 dated 17.01.2022.

Consideration

The Public Authority submits the relevant information requested by the Appellant. The Appellant admits that he has been provided the information requested by him satisfactorily. Accordingly we decide to conclude this appeal.

The Director-General is directed to send the decision with copies of the document called SYSTEM L GAZETTED BOUNDARY, the document title “unit map with grid”, the pages 265 and 231 of the Gazette notification dated 15.04.1988, and the Gazette notification (extraordinary) dated 19.2007 to the Appellant. The Commission further directs that the decision of the Commission to be sent to the Information Officer and the Public Authority.

Appeal Concluded.