

The Right to Information Commission

M. Srinavaratnarajah,
28-8/4 Span Tower,
Colombo-04

-Appellant-

RTIC App/No : 955/2022

Vs.

Central Environmental Authority,
Parisara Piyasa,
Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,
Battaramulla

-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
4. Mr. A.M Nahiya - Commissioner

Appearance : The Appellant is absent.

The Public Authority represented by Mr. Vinuk Thismalpola,
Information Officer – via Zoom Technology.

Written Submission :

The Appellant on : - Not submitted

The Public Authority on : - Not submitted

Date of Hearing : 17.11.2022

Decided on : 17.11.2022

Decision:

Factual Background:

The Appellant by the request dated 25.05.2022, requested the below information,

I would like you to provide me with a certified copy of the Observation and recommendation submitted by the Deputy General (EM&A) for the project (CEA/CPO/NW/P&E/149/2012 panmar (G7) Engineering M.H.P). The Oversight

Committee chaired by the Deputy Director General (EM&A) has given their recommendation to the CEA polgolla for them to issue the draft ToR for the IEE report prepared by the CEA.

Information requested period: between 05.06.2012 and 31.10.2012

The Information Officer failed to respond within the time period stipulated in the Act, the Appellant made an appeal to the Designated Officer dated 20.04.2021. The Designated Officer failed to respond within the time period stipulated in the Act, the Appellant preferred an Appeal to the Commission dated 17.02.2022.

In response to the notice issued by the Commission, the Public Authority has sent a letter dated 26.10.2022 to the Appellant with a copy to the Commission. The said letter contained that the information requested by the Appellant, which has been forwarded by the relevant Provincial Office, was sent for the reference of the Appellant.

Consideration:

The Public Authority now submits that they have provided the information to the Appellant dated 22.10.2022. We examined the said response. We are of the view that the Public Authority has released the information requested by the Appellant. Considering the said circumstances, we conclude this appeal.

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

Appeal Concluded.