

At the Right to Information Commission of Sri Lanka

M.K.P. SUDATH JUDE PERERA .VS. SRI LANKA HANDICRAFTS

BOARD- LAKSALA

RTIC Appeal (In person) 19/2018- (Order adopted as part of a formal meeting of the Commission on 12.11.2018)

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

Chairperson: Mr. Mahinda Gammampila

Commission Members: Mr. S.G. Punchihewa

Dr. Selvy Thiruchandran

Justice Rohini Walgama

Present: Director- General Mr. Piyatissa Ranasinghe

Appellant: M.K.P. Jude Perera

Notice issued to: Director- General- Sri Lanka Handicraft Board

Laksala

Appearance/Represented by:

Appellant: M.K.P.S.J. Perera

Public Authority K.P.P.S.K. Pathirana

Gayan Liyanage.

Facts surfaced in the Appeal

The Appellant by his request dated 30.05.2017, has requested 14 items of information from the IO of the Public Authority, and as he did not receive any response from the IO he appealed to the DO to obtain the same. From the letter dated 29/05/2017 the DO has only acknowledged his request, but not release the information so requested, consequently the Appellant appealed to the Commission for the release of the same.

The Appellant by his request has urged the release of certain particulars relating to the an inquiry held by the Chief Internal Auditor (K.P.P.S.K. Pathirana) dated 17.03.2016 bearing No. HB/IA/FIN/14, of R.M. Chandraratne for having advanced money which has not been settled even at the time of his retirement.

Hence the appellant has requested a certified copy of the report which is a proof of the non payment of the money which was advanced by R.M.Chandraratne.

In addition to the issues relating to the above officer the Appellant also moves to extract particulars of relating to the appointment of the Chief Internal Officer J.K.D.S. Jayanethi and the gratuity obtained by him.

When his appeal was taken up for hearing the IO representing the Public Authority agreed to provide information item No.1 to7 and moved for a further date to consider whether information No 8 to 14 could be released as per request and inform the Commission accordingly.

Thus the hearing of the appeal was adjourned for 17.12.2018

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Appellant: Sudath Perera - present

Public Authority: Gayan Liyanage - Coordinator

On the instant date when the matter was taken up for hearing the Public Authority informed the Commission that the information 8,10,13 could be released and moved for a further date to release the full information requested by the Appellant.

Hence the Commission granted a further date for 08.04.2019

The Appeal is adjourned.

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Mahinda Gammampila- Chairman

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