

**A.A. Lionel v. Beruwala Pradeshiaya Sabha Aluthgama**

RTIC Appeal (In-Person Hearing) 1273/2019- Order adopted as part of a formal meeting of the Commission on 07.10. 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:** Mr.Mahinda Gammampila

**Commission Member:** Mr.S.G. Punchihewa

**Commission Member:** Dr. Selvy Thiruchandran

**Commission Member:** Justice Rohini Walgama

**Appellant:** A.A. Lionel

**Notice issued to:** Designated officer, Beruwala Pradeshiaya Sabha Aluthgama

**Appearance/ Represented by:**

Appellant – Absent

PA – M.F. Rimsan Farook, Management Assistant

<b>RTI Request filed on</b>	23.12.2018
<b>IO responded on</b>	No response
<b>First Appeal to DO filed on</b>	17.01.2019
<b>DO responded on</b>	No response
<b>Appeal to RTIC filed on</b>	21.02.2019

**Brief Factual Background:**

The Appellant by information request dated 23.12.2018 requested for the following information.

1. With respect of teceipts that were issued by Malewanbadda Sub Office to the Appellant that Rs. 230/= and 345/= were charged on 2017.08.29 and 2017.08.31, under income Heads 3/62.

*State the date on which the Technical Officer of Malewanbadda Sub Office went to look into the dangerous trees. (Application No. 203192)*

2. Certified copy of the report prepared by the relevant Technical Officer on those dangerous trees. (Application No. 203192)

3. Certified photocopy of the report of the Officer in Charge (Application No. 203192)
4. The date on which the Chairman granted approval related to that. (Application No. 203192)
5. A certified copy of the document explaining the steps taken with regard to the letters issued by the Chairman bearing number Be/Pra/Maba/Dangerous Trees/2018-2018-6-7 and 2018-7-10.
6. A certified copy of a document stating the reasons for not being able to exercise the powers vested in the Chairman of the Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha under Article 107 (1) (107) of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act.
7. True photocopy of the letter given to the Chairman by the OIC of the Aluthgama Police Station on 22-10-2014.
8. Certified copy of the letter mentioning the steps taken by the Chairman to the letter mentioned by the above paragraph.

As the Information Officer failed to respond within the time period stipulated under the Act the Appellant on 17.01.2019 lodged an appeal with the Designated Officer. As the Designated Officer too failed to respond within the time period stipulated under the Act the Appellant preferred an appeal to the Commission on 21.02.2019.

**Matters Arising During the Course of the Hearing:**

The Appellant was absent. Public Authority submitted that requested information had been provided to the Appellant by the letter dated 18.04.2019 and a copy has been sent to the Commission.

**Order:**

The Commission observes that the requested information has been provided to the Appellant and a copy has been received by the Commission. Therefore, the appeal is concluded.

Order is 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).