

W. R. M. Abeysekara vs People's Bank

RTIC Appeal(In-Person)/ 230/2017 - *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)* – heard as part of a formal meeting of the Commission on 26.06.2018

Chairperson: Mahinda Gammampila
Commission Members: Kishali Pinto-Jayawardena
S.G. Punchihewa
Dr Selvy Thiruchandran
Justice Rohini Walgama

Present: Director-General Mr Piyathissa Ranasinghe

Appellant: W. R. M. Abeysekara
Notice Issued to: Designated Officer, People's Bank

Appearance/ Represented by:
Appellant - Mr. W. R. M. Abeysekara
Public Authority - D P M I Dissanayake, Legal Officer, People's Bank

RTI Request filed on	14.05.2017
IO responded on	24.05.2017
First Appeal to DO filed on	22.06.2017
DO responded on	No Response
Appeal to RTIC filed on	28.07.2017

Brief Factual Background:

The Appellant had requested the following items of information, by request dated 14.03.2017.

- a. Whether he has signed the attendance register maintained at the Clearing Department of People's Bank on 18.01.2011 and 19.01.2011.

- b. Whether he had signed the PET card issuance register maintained at People's Bank, Narahenpita branch when obtaining the credit card No. 4055349030070632 issued to his Account No. 119200183725271.

In response to the said request the Information Officer of the People's Bank notified the Appellant that necessary action would be taken with 14 days. Subsequently the Information Officer informed the Appellant that the information sought are relevant to the Disciplinary inquiry held by the Bank against the Appellant where the information sought had been discussed at length and was known to the Appellant and as such a need did not arise to provide the information.

Matters Arising During the Hearing

The Appellant submitted that he had requested the document certifying that his signature was placed in the registers mentioned in the request. The Public Authority agreed to provide the requested documents.

Order

It is noted that the fact that an Appellant is already aware of the information requested in not a ground of refusal under and in terms of the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016.

As of consent the PA has agreed to provide certified copies of the requested information the appeal is concluded.

Order is directed to be 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).
