

M B M C Gunasekara v. Sri Lanka Police

RTIC Appeal(In-Person) /256/2018 - 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 12.07.2018

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

Appellant: Mr M B M C Gunasekara
Notice Issued to: Designated Officer, Sri Lanka Police

Appearance/ Represented by:
Appellant - Absent
Public Authority - Absent

RTI Request filed on	06.01.2018
IO responded on	16.01.2018
First Appeal to DO filed on	28.01.2018
DO responded on	No Response
Appeal to RTIC filed on	03.03.2018

Brief Background Facts

The Appellant had requested the following items of information, by an information request dated 06.01.2017

1. The complaint filed against the appellant with regard to the alleged misconduct
2. The complaint filed against the appellant with the Mahaveli Development Project Office
3. If the investigation has found out any information pertaining the alleged misconduct
4. If the Mahaveli Development Project office conducted a lawful investigation with regard to Land no. 48 and include W. M. A. Palitha Wijesinghe's name to the selection list for approval
5. The number of investigations carried out and their dates
6. The name and designation of the officer who discovered information pertaining 4 and 5. And the date of reporting discovery

The IO responded by letter dated 16.01.2018 denying the request under section 5 of the Act. Dissatisfied with the response, the Appellant appealed to the DO on 28.01.2018. The DO failed to respond to the Appeal. Dissatisfied with the response of the PA, the Appellant preferred an appeal to the Commission on 03.03.2018.

Matters Arising During the Hearing

Both parties were absent.

As the Appellant had submitted 2 other appeals against the same PA, the matter is to be fixed for hearing on 27.08.2018 along with appeals 257/2018 and 267/2018

The Appeal is adjourned.

Next date of hearing: 27.08.2018
