

M B M C Gunasekara v. Sri Lanka Police

RTIC Appeal(In-Person) /257/2018 - 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

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| RTI Request filed on | 30.12.2017 |
| IO responded on | 09.01.2018 |
| 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 30.12.2017

1. Annex I - to provide a report including findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Ministry of Southern Development without further delay
2. Annex II – Create an opportunity where police officers could voluntarily serve the country in the divisional level
3. Reason for the I/O's failure to forward this complaint to the National Police Commissioner
4. Progress of the investigation carried out by the I/O
5. In reference to Annex – I, what are the findings and recommendations forwarded to the Secretary of Ministry of Southern Development

The IO responded by letter dated 09.01.2018 providing a response to the matters requested in items 1 and 2 of the request. The IO further stated that an inquiry would be conducted as to the manner in which the IO was addressed in the information request. 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 appeals against the same PA, the matter is to be fixed for hearing on 27.08.2018 along with appeals 256/2018 and 267/2018

The Appeal is adjourned.

Next date of hearing: 27.08.2018
