

**M.H. Sumith Priyanga v Zonal Education Office Ratnapura/ and  
R/Hikgaswaththa Primary School**

RTIC Appeal (In – person)/263/2018 (*Order adopted as part of a formal meeting of the Commission on 10.07.2018*)

*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)*

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

**Director-General:** Mr. Piyathissa Ranasinghe

**Appellant:** Mr. M. H. Sumith Priyanga

**Notice issued to:** E. S. Gamini Rajadasa, Designated Officer (DO), Director General of Zonal Education Office, Hattangama, Ratnapura

**Appearance/ Represented by:**

Appellant - Mr. M. H. Sumith Priyanga

PA - Absent

<b>RTI Request filed on:</b>	11.12.2017
<b>IO responded on:</b>	13.12.2017 (acknowledgement) 21.12.2017 (Extension to respond)
<b>First Appeal to DO filed on:</b>	22.01.2018
<b>DO responded on:</b>	07.02.2018
<b>Appeal to RTIC filed on:</b>	Date is mentioned as 03.2018

**Brief Factual Background:**

The Appellant had by request dated 11.12.2017 requested true copies of the following information concerning the parents of children seeking admission to R/Hikgaswaththa Primary School, who received between 49 to 54 marks and who were placed on the temporary list for admission to Grade 01, under the Past Pupils category through the Past Pupils Association, in 2018,

1. G.C.E. (O/L) Examination results sheet,
2. G.C.E. (A/L) Examination results sheet,
3. Grade Five Scholarship Examination Certificate,
4. Degree or Higher Diploma certificates,
5. Student Record Book records,
6. Certificates of Extra-curricular activities during school,
7. Entrance forms of the applicants to the Past Pupil Association,
8. Past Pupils Membership numbers and issue dates,

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9. The list of attendance at Annual General Meetings and other relevant activities of the Past Pupils Association,

10. Receipts of donations and sponsorships given to the Past Pupils Association and

11. Receipts of the entrance fee of the Past Pupils Association

The IO by a letter dated 21.12.2017 requested an extension to respond on the information request. However as the IO failed to respond within the stipulated time, an appeal was lodged with the DO on 22.01.2018.

The DO by letter dated 07.02.2018 forwarded the information request the Principal, the Secretary of the Past Pupils Association of the School and the Treasurer of the Past Pupils Association for necessary action. The Secretary of the Past Pupils Association by an undated letter provided the DO of the Zonal Education Office, Hattangama, Ratnapura with information related to the list of attendance (item No. 9) and denied access to the information requested by items 1 and 2 as the persons concerned have not consented to release the said information in relation to themselves.

Dissatisfied with the above responses, the Appellant preferred an appeal to the Commission.

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The Public Authority (PA) was absent.

Upon being queried by the Commission the Appellant explained the background to the information request. The Appellant submitted that the relevant information request pertains to the admission of children to Grade 01 in 2018.

As the Public Authority is absent, the matter was re-fixed for hearing on 28.08.2018.

The Appeal is adjourned.

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The matter is re-fixed for hearing on 22.10.2018 as both the parties were absent.

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