

**Dr. Issadeen vs. Ministry of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine**

RTIC Appeal(in person)/ 394/2018 - 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 17.12.2018.

Chairperson: Mr.Mahinda Gammampila

Commission Members: Mr.S.G. Punchihewa  
Dr. Selvy Thiruchandran  
Justice Rohini Walgama

Director-General

Appellant: Dr.Issadeen

Notice Issued to: Secretary, Ministry of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

Appearance/Represented by:

Appellant Absent

PA Absent

RTI Request filed on	20.01.2018
IO responded on	24.01.2018 (Acknowledgement)
First Appeal to DO filed on	05.03.2018
DO responded on	No response
Appeal to RTIC filed on	18.04.2018

**Brief Factual Background:**

The Appellant has requested the following information by the letter dated 20.01.2018.

1. How Many Deputy grades medical administrator vacancies exist in Ministry of Health.
2. How long these vacancies are in existence.

3. What is the reason for delay in granting appointments and who is responsible for this delay.
4. How many doctors working with the qualification MSc/ MD Medical Administration (Permanent post) in the Ministry of Health Sri Lanka.
5. How many doctors with the qualification MSc/ MD Medical Administration Hold temporary post or acting and how long. (Please list the designation, station and periods in which they are serving)
6. What are the reasons for delaying and not giving permanent post to those qualified in medical administration or eligible criteria in the medical service minute?
7. What is the solution for those who are holding temporary/ acting posts full filling the duty of that particular period?

The Information Officer on 24.01.2018 acknowledged the information requested. Dissatisfied with the response of the Information Officer the Appellant lodged an appeal with the Designated Officer on 05.03.2018. As the Designated Officer failed to respond within the time period stipulated under the Act the Appellant preferred an appeal to the Commission on 18.04.2018.

**Matters Arising During the Hearing:**

Both Parties were absent for the hearing.

Appeal Adjourned.

Next hearing date – 08<sup>th</sup> April 2018