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


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

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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 – 08th April 2018