

G.A.J. Weerasinghe Vs. Ministry of Education

RTIC Appeal (**In person hearing**)/ 2067/2020 **Order** adopted as part of the formal meeting of the Commission on **14.09.2020**

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 Member: Mr. S.G. Punchihewa

Commission Member: Dr. Selvy Thiruchandran

Commission Member: Justice Rohini Walgama

Director General : D.G.M.V. Hapuarachchi

Appellant: G.A.J. Weerasinghe

Notice issued to: Designated Officer, Ministry of Education

Appearance/ Represented by:

Appellant – G.A.J. Weerasinghe

PA - Dulitha Kurukulasuriya (Administrative Officer)

RTI Request filed on	11.10.2019
IO responded on	Acknowledgement 15.10.2019 No response
First Appeal to DO filed on	25.10.2019
DO responded on	Acknowledgement 28.10.2019 No response
Appeal to RTIC filed on	20.12.2019

Brief Factual Background:

The Appellant had requested the following items of information, by an information request dated 11.10.2019;

Information relating to the decision of the cabinet of Ministers 1/ECH/10242 6105341420.

The record indicates that the Public Authority has failed to response to the above request, consequently the appellant has appealed to the Commission accordingly.

The above application pertains to the information relating to the decision and the recommendations of the Cabinet decision on the issue of political victimization during the period of 1994 to 2014.

On the receipt of the appeal, the Commission issued notices on both parties to appear before the Commission on 14.09.2020 for the hearing of the appeal.

Matters Arising During the Course of the Hearing:

On the above date of the hearing both parties were present. The Public Authority brought to the notice of the Commission the letter dated 04.08.2020, in which the present situation of the information sought by the appellant is explained. It is salient to note that function of the committee is not concluded and further a new political Authority has been appointed to inquire into the alleged victimization.

Hence the public Authority undertook to inform the Commission on the next date whether the said inquiry has been concluded.

Order:

Further hearing of the appeal is adjourned for 09.11.2020.

Order is conveyed to both parties in terms of Rule 27 (3) of the Commission's Rules on Fees and Appeal Procedures (Gazette No. 2004/66, 03.02.2017).

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Mahinda Gammampila – Chairman

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S.G. Punchihewa – Commission Member

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Selvy Thiruchandran – Commission Member

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R. Walgama – Commission Member