## At the Right to Information Commission of Sri Lanka

## W. KARUNADASA WIJESINGHE.VS. DIVISIONAL SECRETARIET

## **KURUWITA**

RTIC Appeal (In person) 425/2018 (Order adopted as part of a formal meeting of the Commission on 19.11.2018)

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: Mr. S.G. Punchihewa

Dr. Selvy Thirucharndran

Justice Rohini Walgama

Present: Director-General- Mr Piyatissa Ranasinghe

Appellant: W. Karunadasa Wijesinghe

Notice issued to: Divisional Secretary, Divisional Secretariat

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Appellant: Karunadasa Wijesinghe- Present

Public Authority: A.D. Bandara AO- present

RTI Request filed on: 17.05.2018

IO responded on:

No response

First Appeal to DO filed on: 12.06.2018

DO responded on: No response

Appeal to RTIC filed on: 10.07.2018

Facts germane to the Appeal:

The Appellant by his letter dated 17.05.2018 requested the IO of the Public Authority for the release of information inter alia;

Weather the lot No.270 known as Kandalanda Mukalana, which is a State Land has been allotted to a third party, if so the identity of the person to whom it was allotted.

As the Appellant did not receive any response, he appealed to the DO of the Public Authority, without success. Consequently the Appellant appealed to the Commission to obtain the information as stated above. Accordingly the Commission after serving notice to both parties fixed the appeal for hearing for 19.11.2018.

On the said date of the hearing, both parties were present, and informed the Commission that the Public Authority has already released the information and same was acknowledged by the Appellant.

In that it is stated, by letter dated 15.08.2018 the Public Authority has informed the Appellant that the subject land belongs to the State and same has not been allotted to any third party.

Thus the Appellant was satisfied with the said information and was willing to conclude the appeal.

Accordingly the Commission concluded the appeal.

Order is directed to be 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 The Appeal is concluded.

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