

R.S. Hettiarachchi vs. National Lotteries Board

RTIC Appeal (In-Person Hearing) 849/2019- Order adopted as part of a formal meeting of the Commission on 06.05.2019.

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)

Commission Members: S.G. Punchihewa
Dr. SelvyThiruchandran
Justice RohiniWalgama

Appellant: R.S. Hettiarachchi
Notice Issued to: Designated officer, National Lotteries Board

Appearance/Represented by:
Appellant R.S. Hettiarachchi
PA Absent

RTI Request filed on	21.09.2018
IO responded on	No Response
First Appeal to DO filed on	11.10.2018
DO responded on	No Response
Appeal to RTIC filed on	14.11.2018

Brief Factual Background:

The Appellant by his letter dated 21.09.2018 had requested the following information.

1. How much is gained as income from “Sevana Lottery” from 2015 to September, 2018
2. From that income how much is dedicated to build houses for low income people from 2015 to September, 2018? Provide information annually.
3. What is the relevance of newspaper advertisements and other modes of advertising regarding “Aadarsha Gammana Program” of National Housing Development Authority and National Lotteries Board?
4. How much is dedicated for newspaper advertising purposes annually (from 2015 to September, 2018)?
5. How much is spent for a newspaper advertisement which takes the whole page?
6. How much is spent for a newspaper advertisement which is of half a page?
7. Provide a certified copy stating the reasons of the committee to approve advertising in newspapers?
8. Who are the officers that represented the committee?

As the Information Officer failed to respond within the time period stipulated under the Act the Appellant on 11.10.2018 lodged an appeal with the Designated Officer. As the Designated

Officer too failed to respond with the time period stipulated under the Act the Appellant preferred an appeal to the Commission on 14.11.2018.

Matters Arising During the Hearing:

The Public Authority was absent. By the letter N.L.B / RTI 12/10/2018 dated 02.05.2019, the Public Authority had submitted the requested information to the Appellant. While the Appellant acknowledged the response, the grievance of the Appellant over the delay of the Public Authority to provide the relevant information was conveyed to the Commission.

Order:

The Commission observes that the Public Authority had provided the relevant responses to the satisfaction of the Appellant. The Appeal is therefore concluded

Order is hereby 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).
