



TAMILNADU INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Date of Enquiry : 11.11.2020

PRESENT:

**Thiru S. MUTHURAJ, B.A.,B.L.,
STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER.**

Case No. SA 11151/D/2019

Thiru. J. Francis

.. PETITIONER

/Versus/

The Public Information Officer / Principal,
St. Joseph College (Autonomous),
Trichy District.

.. PUBLIC AUTHORITY

ORDER

Due to Covid-19 Lockdown imposed by the Government of Tamil Nadu, this Commission due to the constraint of conducting the enquiry in person, an enquiry was conducted in this case through telephone today (11.11.2020). During the telephone enquiry the petitioner Thiru.J.Francis, Trivandrum and Dr. Arokiasamy Xavier, Public Information Officer / Principal, St.Joseph College (Autonomous), Trichy District was present.

2. A perusal of the petition dated 01.07.2019 filed under section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 reveals that the petitioner has sought the following information :

- (A) Whether any teaching staff working in your college is permissible to attend as subject Experts of any Slection Committees for interviewing candidates in the process of selecting teaching staff to be held in other aided colleges without the permission of the principal.
- (B) Whether any teaching staff working in your college had attended as Subject Experts of any Selection Committees for interviewing candidates in process of selecting teaching staffs held in other aided colleges during the period from 01.06.2018 to 15.07.2018.
- (C) If so (any teaching staff attended as Subject Experts of any Selection Committees for interviewing candidates if any aided colleges), please give the following details with supportive documents like permission letter, order, etc., of the Principal or of any concerned authority :
 - (i) Names of the staff with designation (and their mobile numbers) who participated as Subject Experts of Selection Committees in interviewing candidates held in other aided colleges during the period from 01.06.2018 to 15.07.2018.

- (ii) Names and addresses of the other aided colleges wherein the process of interviewing the candidates were held in other aided colleges in which they participates as Subject Experts of Selection Committees during the period from 01.06.2018 to 15.07.2018.
 - (iii) The dates on which they participated as Subject Experts of Selection Committes in interviewing candidates held in other aided colleges during the period from 01.06.2018 to 15.07.2018.
 - (iv) The subjects on which they have participated as Subject Experts of Selection Committees in interviewing the candidates held in other aided colleges during the period from 01.06.2018 to 15.07.2018.
- (D) The copy of the Attendance Register of the teaching staff kept in your college during the months of June 2018 and July 2018.

3. The Public Information Officer has provided information vide letter dated 24.07.2019. As the petitioner was not satisfied with the information, the petitioner has preferred a First Appeal dated 13.08.2019 under section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Appellate Authority has not provided any information and hence the petitioner has preferred a Second Appeal under section 19(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 before this Commission on 04.11.2019 and the said appeal has been taken up for today's (11.11.2020) enquiry.

4. During the telephone enquiry, the petitioner has informed that the sought information was denied by the Public Information Officer / Principal on the ground stating that there is no public interest. Hence, he has requested the Commission to order the Public Information Officer / Principal to furnish the information. During the enquiry, the Public Information Officer / Principal has informed as there is no public interest on the information sought by the petitioner, he has denied the information.

5. After hearing both sides, the Commission perused the reply furnished by the Principal on 24.07.2019 and found acceptable and the case was closed accordingly.

During the enquiry, the petitioner has also requested to pass order on an another 6(1) petition filed before Manonmaniyam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. The Commission instructed the petitioner to file Appeals under Section 19(1) before the First Appellate Authority and 19(3) before this Commission as per the RTI Act, 2005 to act accordingly.

Sd/-(S. MUTHURAJ)
State Information Commissioner

//By order of the Commission//

Assistant Registrar

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To

PUBLIC AUTHORITY :

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PETITIONER :-

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