



RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT-2005

TAMIL NADU INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Case No.10737/Enquiry/2009

Date of Enquiry: 18th September 2009 at COIMBATORE

- Present:** Thiru G. RAMAKRISHNAN, I.A.S.,(Retd.),
State Information Commissioner.
- Petitioner:** Thiru N. Sundaram, S/o Thiru Nanjappa Gounder,
3/28C, West Arasur, Arasur Post, Coimbatore.
- Public Authority:**
1. The Public Information Officer, Office of the Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore.
 2. The Public Information Officer, Office of the Tahsildar, Taluk Office, Soolur, Coimbatore.

Both the parties were present.

The petitioner has made a petition under Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act to the District Collector, Coimbatore, asking for certain information about the action taken on the basis of his petition dated 25-3-2009 presented to the Inspector of Police, Soolur Police Station. Since the information relates to the Police Department, the Collector, Coimbatore, has transmitted the petition to the Public Information Officer, District Police Office on 29-4-2009. The Public Information Officer, District Police Office, has furnished the reply to the petitioner on 31-5-2009.

As far as the information is concerned, there is no dispute as the information has been correctly furnished. The Public Information Officer, District Collector's Office, Coimbatore, has taken nearly seven weeks to transmit the petition under Section 6(3) of the Act, as against the permissible limit of just five

days for transmission under the Act. Therefore the Public Information Officer, District Collector's Office, Coimbatore, is directed to explain **within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order** as to why the penalties prescribed under the Act should not be imposed for undue delay in transmitting the petition under Section 6(3) of the Act.

The petitioner raised several other issues during the enquiry for which he was advised to prefer separate petitions to the concerned authorities and get the information. It was made clear to the petitioner that the Act cannot be used for making the public authority to act in a certain way, but it can only be used for getting information as it exists.

State Information Commission

Orders passed this day 8th October, 2009.
Under the Orders of the Commission.

Assistant Registrar

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