



RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT-2005

TAMIL NADU INFORMATION COMMISSION

Kamadhenu Co-operative Super Market Building First Floor,
New No.378, Anna Salai, Teynampet, Chennai – 600018. Phone: 2431 2841

Case No.10739/Enquiry/2009

Date of Enquiry: 18th September 2009 at COIMBATORE

Present: Thiru G. RAMAKRISHNAN, I.A.S.,(Retd.),
State Information Commissioner.

Petitioner: Thiru N. Baskaran, Thayagam, Kovilpalayam,
Pollachi – 642 110.

Public Authority: The Public Information Officer, Office of the
Conservator of Forest & Field Director, Anamalai
Tiger Reserve, Meenkarai Salai, Pollachi – 1.

The petitioner was absent and the public authority was represented by the Public Information Officer, Office of the Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Pollachi.

By a petition dated 18-2-2009, the petitioner has asked for information on the details of voluntary disclosure under Section 4 of the Right to Information Act from the Superintendent / Public Information Officer, Office of the Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Pollachi. Information has been supplied only on 14-9-2009. There is absolutely no justification for the delay of nearly seven months in furnishing the information to the petitioner.

The Commission is very very unhappy about the way in which this petition has been dealt with by the public authority. The Commission has no other option excepting to impose maximum penalty of Rs.25,000/- on the concerned Public Information Officer for failure to supply the information within the stipulated time.

Since the petitioner is not present, the Commission is not able to verify the correctness of the information furnished by the public authority. The Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Pollachi, is therefore directed to fix responsibility for the undue delay in supplying the information, issue show cause notice to the concerned Public Information Officer and forward the same to the Commission **within one month from the date of receipt of this order**. If more than one person is involved in causing delay in this case, the Conservator of Forests & Field Director may issue Show Cause Notice against all concerned.

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

Assistant Registrar

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Panagal Buildings,
Saidapet, Chennai – 600 015.