



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.9573/Enquiry/2009

Date of Enquiry: 18th September 2009 at COIMBATORE

- Present:** Thiru G. RAMAKRISHNAN, I.A.S.,(Retd.),
State Information Commissioner.
- Petitioner:** Thiru N. Selvaraj, 13, Jothi Nagar, Harijana Colony
Suleswaranpatti, Pollachi.
- Public Authority:**
1. The Public Information Officer, Office of the Executive Officer, Town Panchayat Office, Suleswaranpatti – 642 006.
 2. The Public Information Officer, Office of the Assistant Director of Town Panchayats, Coimbatore Region, Coimbatore – 641 018.

Both the parties were present.

The petitioner has come on appeal to the Commission on 22-4-2009 stating that the information asked for by him has been rejected under Section 11 of the Right to Information Act. The petitioner has asked for information on 18-2-2009 about the service details of Thiru Duraimani, who happens to be the Executive Officer, Suleswaranpatti Town Panchayat, as found in the Service Register. Not getting the information he has preferred an appeal to the Assistant Director of Panchayat on 18-3-2009. The petitioner has also enclosed copy of the Commission's judgment dated 24-4-2008, where the

Commission has held that the Service Register of employees are public documents and not the personal details which can be objected to. So, under this circumstances, it is not known how the public authority has rejected the request of the petitioner under Section 11(1) of the RTI Act.

Therefore the public authority is directed to furnish the information asked for by the petitioner **within a week from the date of receipt of this order of the Commission**, obtain the acknowledgment of the petitioner and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The Public Information Officer is also directed to explain as to why the request for information was rejected when the petitioner has taken pains to enclose the earlier orders of the Commission, wherein it has been clarified that the Service Register of the employees is very much a public document. The explanation should be received in the Commission's office **within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order**, failing which action will be taken on merits of the case.

G. RAMAKRISHNAN, IAS(Retd),
STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

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