Student Scholarship:

A College student who had applied to the College for SC scholarship for the years 2013-14 and 2014-15 but did not get it even after two years sent a petition under RTI seeking information about the cause of delay as well as the other information relating to number of applicants for such scholarship. The District Adidravida Welfare Officer transferred the petition to the College which responded by informing the petitioner that applications had been forwarded in December 2013 to the District Adidravida Welfare Officer and when it came to light that the bank account number of the petitioner had been wrongly mentioned while forwarding the applications online, it was rectified online on 1.2.2014. The petitioner sent an appeal to the Commission on 10.5.16 and it was taken up for enquiry on 24.6.16. The College informed the Commission during the enquiry that sanction has to be accorded by the Directorate of Adidravida Welfare. The Commission directed the College and the District Adidravida Welfare Officer to take up the matter with the Directorate of Adidravida Welfare and inform the petitioner with reference to his request about cause of delay. The total fees per year was reported to be about Rs 5,000. Considering the delay in response by the District Adidravida Welfare office and the incomplete reply given in the first instance, the Commission ordered the Directorate of Adidravida Welfare to award a compensation of Rs 10,000 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. The question of sanction of scholarship which was pending since December 2013 will hopefully be resolved as a result of RTI Act. (SA 4162/2016)