

വിവരാവകാശ അപേക്ഷ അവ്യക്തമാണെങ്കിൽ അത് വ്യക്തമാക്കിത്തരാൻ വേണ്ടി അപേക്ഷകന് നിർദ്ദേശം തരാനുള്ള ബാധ്യത പബ്ലിക് ഇൻഫർമേഷൻ ഓഫീസർക്കുണ്ട്

The Commission observed that most of the information requested by the appellant have not been provided by the public authority. If the request was not clear, the SPIO owed a duty to call the appellant and make the questions clear. In this case the SPIO failed to do so. The information requested by the appellant under item no.1 of his request is held by the public authority; but it has not yet been provided. The public authority cannot deny the information under the plea that it is voluminous in nature. The Commission also view that certain information requested by the appellant are in the nature of clarifications or interpretations or hypothetical questions which do not fall u/s.2(f) of RTI Act. But the information held by the public authority should be provided. Hence the Commission order that the information regarding the screening committee under item No.1 of his request should be provided to the appellant. As the SPIO submitted that it is voluminous and extensive in nature, he can resort to the provisions u/s.7(9) of RTI Act. He should provide an opportunity to the appellant to peruse the records and files before 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2010 on a mutually convenient date and time, free of cost. The petitioner is allowed to take extracts and photo copies required by him, free of charge, after perusing the records.

Appeal Petition is disposed off accordingly.

Dated this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010.