

വിവരം ഓഫീസിൽ ഏതു രീതിയിലാണോ ലഭ്യമായിട്ടുള്ളത് ആ രീതിയിൽ നൽകാനേ പബ്ലിക് ഇൻഫർമേഷൻ ഓഫീസർക്ക് ബാധ്യതയുള്ളൂ

During the hearing the SPIO submitted that the list of the presiding officer, Assistant Returning Officer and Returning Officer and their salary particulars would be available in the Collectorate. But they are not kept compiled and according to their salary, their department base etc. Therefore, the information requested by the petitioner cannot be prepared and provided to him. The Commission observed that the information related to the salary and department wise names etc are not prepared and kept as such by the Public Authority as requested by the appellant. **Public Information Officer has no obligation to prepare such list and provide to the information seeker. The information, which has been kept as such as been provided to the petitioner** in, item number 1 & 6. But the preparation of information on other items attracts section 7(9) of the RTI Act. Therefore, the Public Authority can ask the appellant to peruse the records, connected records and files to gather the information required by him if he desired so. In the circumstances Commission Order that an opportunity should be provided to the appellant to peruse the connected records and files on mutually convenient date and time and he should give an opportunity to take photocopy and extracts required by him free of cost u/s 7(6) of the RTI Act within 15 days. Commission cautioned the then SPIO Smt. ... for rejecting the RTI application. She should be more careful in future.

The appeal is disposed of as above.

Dated this the 26th day of February, 2011.