

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 04.08.2016

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.SATHYANARAYANAN

W.P.No.27211 of 2016

M.Manoharan

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1 The Tamil Nadu Information Commission
Rep. by the Registrar
No.2, Theagaraya Salai, Near Alai Amman Koil,
Teynampet,
Chennai – 600 018.
- 2 The Appellate Authority/ General Manager,
The Sports Development Authority of Tamilnadu,
116-A, Periyar EVR High Road, Nehru Park,
Chennai – 600 084.
- 3 The Public Information Officer/ Deputy General Manager,
The Sports Development Authority of Tamilnadu,
116-A, Periyar EVR High Road, Nehru Park,
Chennai – 600 084. ... Respondents

Prayer:

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to furnish the information sought for as per the petitioner application dated 03.3.2016 under Section 6 of the Right to Information Act 2005.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Kathiresan
For Respondents : Mr.Niranjan Rajagopalan for R1
Mr.A.N.Thambidurai for R2 and R3
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

By consent, the writ petition is taken up for final disposal.

2.The petitioner claims to be the founder President of "Aghila Indiya Veerakalai Munetra Kazhagam" and the said institution is providing training in martial arts to the students and the petitioner is a Trainer for the past 40 years. The petitioner by invoking the provisions of the Right to Information Act, has sought for information from the Public Information Officer/ Under Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu, Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department, Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009 seeking certain particulars with regard to "The Tamil Nadu Karate Do - Association" and since no response was forthcoming, he submitted the first appeal to the second respondent Appellate Authority on 26.04.2016 and the first Appellate Authority in turn vide letter no.1353/S1/2016 dated 03.05.2016 has informed that it has been forwarded to the concerned Public Information Officer for furnishing information.

3.The grievance expressed by the petitioner is that despite such a direction issued by the first Appellate Authority, the original Authority did not furnish any information and therefore, he filed a second appeal

before the first respondent on 11.06.2016 and though it was received and acknowledged on 14.06.2016, no response is forthcoming and therefore, the petitioner is constrained to approach this Court by way of filing this writ petition.

4. Heard the submissions of Mr.K.Kathiresan, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, Mr.Niranjan Rajagopalan, learned counsel who accepts notice on behalf of the first respondent and Mr.A.N.Thambidurai, learned Special Government Pleader who accepts notice on behalf of the respondents 2 and 3.

5. Though the petitioner prayed for a larger relief, this Court in the light of the above facts and circumstances and without going into the merits of the same, directs the first respondent to consider and dispose of the petitioner's second appeal dated 11.06.2016, in accordance with law, if the papers are otherwise in order and after putting on notice, the persons concerned, shall pass orders, within a period of ten weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and communicate the decision taken, to the petitioner as well as to the persons concerned.

M.SATHYANARAYANAN,J.

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6.The writ petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

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