

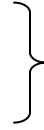


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Common Order in
Complaint No.205/2007/SIC(File No.882/SIC-Gen1/2007) &
No.331/2007/SIC(File No.903/SIC-Gen1/2007)

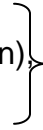
Shri.Jose Sebastian,
Vadakkavunkal
Melukavumattom.P.O.
Kottayam District. 686 652.



Petitioner

Vs

Public Information Officer and
Deputy Superintendent of Police(Admn)
Kottayam.



Respondent

ORDER

Shri.Jose Sebastian is the requester in both these cases. On 8.2.2007, the requester had preferred a request u/s.6 of the RTI Act before the Sub Inspector of Police, Melukavu Police Station, Kottayam. In CP-331/2007 also, he had preferred another request before the Sub Inspector of Police, Melukavu Police Station on the same date for information regarding Police Constable Mr.Raju.K.D(PC.4998). The details requested are 13 in number and it all related to certain official information with regard to the police station in which he had worked and on enquiry particulars which he had faced.

The information was not furnished to the requester. Thereupon, the requester had approached the State Information Commission with a complaint u/s.18 of the RTI Act.

Remarks of the Public Information Officer and Deputy Superintendent of Police (Admn), Kottayam, was called for. Because the request was not furnished before the Public Information Officer, he could not furnish the information.

However, on receipt of information from the State Information Commission, action were initiated and partial information was furnished.

The order of the Director General of Police dated 8.8.2007 has redefined the jurisdiction of Police Officers with reference to the RTI Act. At present Assistant Public Information Officers and Public Information Officers are designated right from the level of Station House Officers. During the relevant period, there were no Public Information Officers in the cadre of Station House Officers or Circle Inspectors. Therefore, the Commission could not order retrospective operation of furnishing of information from Melukavu Police Station in the light of the submissions made by the requester. The requester had also not approached the Public Information Officer and Deputy Superintendent of Police (Admn) with a proper request. Today when this case was taken up, the Public Information Officer *ie.*, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Admn), Kottayam had undertaken to provide the information to the requester in both these cases within 7 days from the receipt of copy of this order under intimation to the Commission.

This matter is disposed off accordingly.

Pronounced by the Commission on this, the 10th day of October, 2007.

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Secretary to Commission