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**Proceedings of the State Information Commission, Kerala in  
Appeal petition No. AP. 451/2007/SIC  
(File No. 5464/SIC-Gen 1/2007)**

G. Sasikumar,  
Sisiram, Oruma Nagar 187,  
Thattamala (PO), Kollam-691 020.

Appellant

Vs

1. Assistant Conservator of Forest,  
(Social Forestry) Kollam.

2. Conservator of Forests,  
Social Forestry, Kollam.

Respondents

**ORDER**

The appellant Sri. G. Sasikumar has filed this second appeal before the State Information Commission under Section 19 (3) of the Right to Information Act 2005, complaining that the first appeal filed under Section 19 (1) of the RTI Act, before the second respondent was not properly disposed of. The appellant complains that attested copies of files/ other documents were not given to him by the first respondent, in spite of specific request for attested copies. According to the appellant, the first appeal was disposed of by the second respondent without proper verification. No proceedings was issued and only a copy of the letter sent by the second respondent to the Divisional Forest Conservator, Region South, Kollam was issued to him.

2. The Commission, after going through the appeal petition and the accompanying documents, observed that prima-facie, the first appeal filed by the appellant was not properly disposed of. The appeal should have been disposed of by a speaking order, making decisions on the contentions raised in the appeal. Hence, the Commission direct the second respondent to consider afresh, the appeal filed before him and issue a speaking Order after giving the appellant an opportunity for being heard. The Second

respondent may note that 'right to information' as defined in Section 2(j) of RTI Act 2005, includes the right to get certified copies of documents/ records possessed by Public Authorities.

3. This Order is issued without prejudice to the right of the appellant to approach the Commission again with a second appeal, if he is aggrieved by the decision in the first appeal as ordered above.

Dated this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007.