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Present

Dr.K.L.Vivekanandan, State Information Commissioner

Sri.C.Sreedharan, D-231, New Housing Colony, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore – 560012.

Appellant

Vs

- The State Public Information Officer, Kerala Industrial Infrstructure Development Sasthamangalam, Thiruvananthapuram -10.
- 2. The Appellate Authority& General Manager, KINFRA, KINFRA House Annexe, Vellayambalam, Thiruvananthapuram.

Respondents

ORDER

Appeal Petitioner Sri.C.Sreedharan, in his second appeal dated 21.08.2017(which was received in the office of the Commission on the 25.08.2017), represented that he had submitted an application before the Respondent on 19.04.2017 seeking certain information. He further stated that, the SPIO replied that they are not in a position to furnish the details sought by him. Later he filed a first appeal before the second Respondent,

the reply to which stated that they are not in a position to find out the required documents he had sought. Hence he requested the Commission to take necessary steps to enable him to obtain the information sought by him.

2. In the application submitted before the first Respondent on 19.04.2017, the Appellant had stated that he worked in KSDC Ltd., Kuttippuram as Production Executive with effect from August 1979 till his superannuation on 31.09.2004. So he had requested his employer to furnish the full details of the payments made in respect of his EPF account, which he had not yet received till date. Therefore he had sought three information pertaining to the subscription paid to his EPF account as actual amount paid and also as percentage of salary during the period of his service in KSDC, as per RTI Act.

Reply to the above application was furnished on 07.06.2017, in which it was stated that KSDC was a defunct Company which had already wound up its activities and only the land was transferred to KINFRA and that the EPF details of the employees are not available with KINFRA. The Company shut down its operations since 2002 and that the employees had taken VRS under the VRS package. Only assets and liabilities were transferred to KINFRA by a Government order. The Appellant filed his first appeal before the second Respondent on 06.07.2017 and the reply to the above was furnished on 26.07.2017, stating that, they are not in a position to find out the required documents or information sought by him and he may visit KSDC Ltd., office, Kuttippuram, Malappuram after getting prior appointment to examine the documents from the office and to take necessary copy of the same after remitting Rs.2/- per A4 size page.

3. In the report furnished by the second Respondent before the Commission on 23.01.2019, it was stated that the Appellant had filed a 6(1) application before the SPIO, Industries (G) Department which was forwarded to KINFRA on 09.05.2017 to furnish the full details of payments made in respect of his EPF account during the period of his Service in KSDC.

KINFRA vide letter dated 07.06.2017 informed him that KSDC Ltd., is a defunct company which was already wound up its activities and only the land was transferred to KINFRA. The EPF details of the employees are not available with KINFRA, the company was closed from 2002 and employees have taken the VRS under the VRS package approved by the Government. Only assets and liabilities were transferred to KINFRA by Government order and therefore KINFRA is not in a position to give the details sought by him. The Appellant who has worked as a Production Executive from 1979 August left the organization on his superannuation on 31.09.2004 and on retirement, all the benefits were provided to him and he is not eligible for any further benefits as he has already availed all the benefits.

- 4. On scrutinizing the appeal petition and connected documents, the Commission finds that the Respondents had furnished replies to the Appellant within the prescribed time limit and that the information furnished was based on the facts available with the Respondents. Hence the Commission concludes that no further action is warranted in this appeal.
- 5. The Commission disposes of this appeal petition accordingly on the 5th day of January, 2020.

(Sd/-)

Dr.K.L.Vivekanandan State Information Commissioner

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(Joint Sechetary (Finance)