THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L. NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.4477 of 2010

Dated:26.02.2010

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Between:

Arthur Prasad

.. Petitioner

And

The Andhra Pradesh State Information Commission (Under Right to Information Act, 2005), Ground Floor, HACA Bhavan, Opp: Public Gardens, Hydergabad and others ... Respondents

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ORDER:

The petitioner submitted an application, dated 19.06.2008, to the 3rd respondent, with a request to furnish certified copies of letters

dated 20.01.2000 and 07.04.1979 of the Director of Tribal Culture Research and Training Institute, in respect of Smt. Chinnam Swapna Kumari, for the purposes of filing the same before the High Court. Acting on the same, the 3rd respondent furnished certified copy of the letter, dated 20.01.2000. It was, however, mentioned that the letter, dated 07.04.1979, could not be traced in their office. Aggrieved by this, the petitioner filed an appeal before the Andhra Pradesh State Information Commission, Hyderabad, the 1st respondent. The appeal was disposed of on 05.02.2009. Hence, the Writ Petition.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for respondents.

Basically, the application, dated 19.06.2008, submitted by the petitioner, cannot be treated as one, under the Right to Information Act. The reason is that, the request therein was to furnish certified copies of certain letters, and not information as such. All the same, the respondents have acceded to the request of the petitioner, to the extent it was available with them. It was clearly mentioned that the letter, dated 07.04.1979, is not at all available with them. The petitioner is not able to demonstrate, as to how the respondents have concealed the letter, from him. This Court does not find any merits in the Writ Petition.

The Writ Petition is accordingly dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

L. NARASIMHA REDDY, J

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