

# CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Central Information Commissioner

**CIC/CC/A/2014/000969-SA**

## **J. Revathi v. PIO, National Institute of Technical Teachers Training & Research.**

Important Dates and time taken:

<b>RTI:</b> 19.03.2014	<b>FAO:</b> 16.05.2014	<b>SA:</b> 18.09.2014
Disposed of	<b>Hearing:</b> 07.10.2016	<b>Decided on:</b> 07.10.2016

### **Parties Present:**

1. Appellant: present  
Public authority: present

### **FACTS:**

2. The appellant filed RTI Application seeking information about delayed settlement of GPF of Prof. Theagrajan at National Institute of Technical Teachers Training & Research, Chennai. PIO stated that processing of pension and GPF related papers depends upon submission of prescribed forms filled as per rules in addition to signature in GPF register and if there is any lapse, the concerned person is contacted for rectification. This was not done because Prof. Theagrajan had gone to USA very next day he got VRS. Appellant filed second appeal before this Commission.

### **Decision:**

3. The PIO stated that Prof. Theagrajan submitted required papers on 21.4.2014. GPF claim of Prof. Theagrajan was settled on 28.4.2014, much later after his retirement on 30.9.2013. The appellant has a grievance that her

husband (retired professor) was not paid the DCRG, (Death Cum retirement Gratuity). The PIO stated that the retired person has to pursue the same.

4. The Commission finds it pathetic that such a reputed institution is not in a position to settle retirement benefits on day of retirement. Prof. Theagrajan who served the institution for 36 years teaching electronics and communication engineering has to request his wife to file an RTI application to activate the employer institution to settle his retirement benefits. It is not proper on part of this institution to wait for an application to be moved by the retiring person. It has a duty to communicate to him regarding the certificates and documents for settlement, much before his retirement. This reflects very bad governance. The process of settlement started only after his wife filed RTI application.

5. The Commission requires the respondent authority under section 19(8)iv of RTI Act to make necessary changes in its practice in relation to the maintenance of files and management of records concerning retirement of employees so that they finalise the pension and pay all terminal benefits on the date of retirement itself. Disposed of.

SD/-

(M. Sridhar Acharyulu)  
Central Information Commissioner

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Deputy Registrar

Copy of decision given to the parties free of cost.

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