

RTI 10

**Appeal to the Designated Officer**

Designated Officer,  
Marine Environment Protection Authority,  
No 177, Nawala Road,  
Narahenpita,  
Colombo 05.

Public Authority: Marine Environment Protection Authority

**Appeal Form**

1. Name of Person Appealing: Transparency International Sri Lanka
2. Address: 366, Nawala Road, Nawala, Rajagiriya
3. Contact Number (if any): 0112 866 777/ 0719 960 172
4. Email Address (if any): [ed@tisrilanka.org](mailto:ed@tisrilanka.org)
5. Date request made to Information Officer and Registration Number: 2021.07.12
6. Did you receive a reply from the Information Officer? No.
7. Grounds for Appeal:

**iii. Non – compliance with time frames specified in the Act**

Details:

On 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Transparency International Sri Lanka (TISL) made a RTI application to the information officer of the Marine Environment Protection Authority. In terms of the Section 25(1) of the RTI Act, the information officer is obliged to decide on whether information can be provided or not and prescribe the fee to be paid, within 14 working days. Such information should have been communicated to us by 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 at the expiration of 14 working days, but no such communication was made. Since the information officer failed to provide the necessary information, TISL hereby makes this appeal to the designated officer as prescribed under Section 31(1) (c) of the RTI Act for the information requested to be provided.

8. Brief description of information requested: Refer to the attached RTI 01 application
9. If Appeal has not been submitted within the specified time period, cause of delay [s. 31(5)]: N/A
10. Any other details: N/A

Date: 26/08/21

Signature:   
Nadishani Perera (Attorney-at-law),  
Executive Director,  
Transparency International Sri Lanka.

**RTI 01**

**Application to Receive Information**

Mr. A. G. M. Gunasekara,  
Deputy General Manager,  
(Information Officer),  
Marine Environment Protection Authority,  
No. 177, Nawala Road,  
Narahenpita,  
Colombo 05.

1. Name of Requestor - Transparency International Sri Lanka
2. Address - No. 5/1, Elibank Road, Colombo 05
3. Contact No. (if any) - 011-4369781/3
4. Email Address (if any) - [ed@tisrilanka.org](mailto:ed@tisrilanka.org)
5. Details about Information requested
  - I. Specific Public Authority - Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA)
  - II. Information requested: Certified copies of the following documentation regarding the MV X-press Pearl Ship.
    1. Tonnage certificate
    2. Load line certificate
    3. Wreck removal certificate
    4. Wreck removal bids and contract
    5. Hull insurance policy cover and contract
    6. Machinery insurance policy cover and contract
    7. P & I (Protection and Indemnity) Insurance and contract
    8. All salvors reports on the vessel condition provided to MEPA
    9. Caretaker contract agreement/ Caretaker arrangement agreement
    10. Salvage agreement between salvors and the ship-owner
  - III. Specific period information is requested - 2021

6. Manner in which information is requested –

i. Inspect relevant work, documents, records

**ii. Take notes, extracts or certified copies of documents or records**

iii. Take certified samples of material

iv. Obtain information in the form of CD/DVD/storage media/tapes/video cassettes/ any other electronic mode/ printouts where such information is stored in a computer or in any other device.

7. Language in which requestor prefers access - English and/or Sinhala

8. Does the information request concern the life and personal liberty of a citizen? No

9. Any other details- N/A

10. Relevant documents attached –

i. Certificate of Incorporation of Transparency International Sri Lanka

11. Is the requestor a citizen of Sri Lanka? Yes

Transparency International Sri Lanka is an organisation of which 100% of the members are citizens of Sri Lanka.

Date: - 12.07.21

Signature:-  .....

Nadishani Perera (Attorney-at-Law),

Executive Director,

Transparency International Sri Lanka

