OFFICE OF THE ASSAM STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION JONAKEE COMPLEX, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-37

Appeal Case No: KP(M)13/2015

Appellant: Smti Sagufa Ahmed

Public Authority: Sri Narnarayan Nath,

SDO (Civil), Charaideo Sub-Divn,

Sonari

Heard by: Shri Himangshu Sekhar Das,

Assam State Chief Information Commr.

Appellant was Represented by:

Self.

Public Authority was

represented by

SDO (Civil) Charaideo Sub-Divn

ORDER 16-3-2015

The petitioner Smti Sagufa Ahmed is present. The Public Authority was represented by Sri Narnarayan Nath, SDO (Civil), Charaideo Sub-Divn, Sonari.

The case was taken up for hearing in presence of both the applicant and the Public Authority.

The RTI applicant submitted that she has not yet received information sought for by her vide her original RTI application dated 25-11-2014 which was addressed to the SPIO , office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar. Not receiving any information from the SPIO after expiry of 30 days, she filed her first appeal petition before the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar on 9.1.2015. The first appeal petition was forwarded by the office of Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar to the Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil), Charaideo , Sonari subdivision for hearing and disposal since the land in question falls under Mahmora Revenue Circle of Charaideo Sub Division. The SDO, Charaideo Sub Division made a written submission dated 13-3-2015 detailing the sequentially handling of the RTI application of Smti Sagufa Ahmed by the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar, and the SDO (Civil) Charaideo Subdivision. His written submission is entered into the case record. The SDO (Civil) Charaideo has already fixed 20-3-2015 for hearing of the first appeal

petition of Smti Sagufa Ahmed in his office at Sonari, for which he has issued notices to Smti Sagufa Ahmed and the Circle Officer of Mahmora Revenue Circle. In presence of the Commission today Smti Ahmed received a copy of her Notice.

In view of the above, the Commission directed the SDO (Civil), Charaideo to hear both the parties on the date as already fixed by him and to furnish the information, which appear to be a part of the normal record keeping by the Govt. Authority, to the applicant.

The RTI applicant Smti Sagufa Ahmed submitted that the lease grant was given sometime in 1960s while the present day Sibsagar district was a Sub-Division with Headquarter at Jorhat. If the relevant records are not available in the office of the Circle Officer, Mahmora Revenue Circle, or in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar, then the SDO (Civil), Charaideo will ascertain its present location and make copies of the same available to the RTI applicant. The RTI applicant will be free to approach this Commission, if she is not furnished the information by the First Appellate Authority or the concerned SPIO, or if she is not satisfied with the information furnished by them.

In case the original records of the Lease Grant are still with the Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat, then the original RTI application along with the first appeal petition will be transferred by the Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat under Section 6 of the RTI Act,. 2005 for necessary action by him.

A copy of this order may also be given to Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar for necessary action.

(H. S. Das, IAS) (Retd)
State Chief Information Commissioner,
Assam

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Secretary & Registrar,
Assam State Information Commission

Copy to:

- 1. The Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat, for information and necessary action.
- 2. The Public Authority, S.D.O (Civil) Charaideo, Sonari Subdivision for information and necessary action.
- 3. The Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar, for information and necessary action.
- 4. Smti Sagufa Ahmed, RTI applicant, Bagasa Warehouse Residence, Opposite Shanti Apartment, Kalapahar Road, Jatia, Guwahati-781 019 for information.
- 5. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 6. Office File.

Secretary & Registrar Assam State Information Commission.