

OFFICE OF THE ASSAM STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
JONAKEE COMPLEX, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-39

Appeal Case No: KP(M) 536/2014

Appellant : Smti Sakila Aktar Choudhury,
Natboma Housefed Complex
Hatigaon, Guwahati-38

Public Authority: Absent

Heard by: Shri Himangshu Sekhar Das,
Assam State Chief Information Commr.

Appellant was
Represented by: Ashab Ali Ahmed,
S/O Late Habib Ullah
Vill- Bhangarpar
P.O – Kalain -788815

Public Authority was
represented by None

O R D E R
29-1-2015

The appellant Smti Sakila Akhtar Choudhury was represented by Sri Ashab Ali Ahmed, as authorized by the appellant vide her letter dated 29th January, 2015.

The Public Authority did not appear, although Notice was served by Registered post, nor did the Public Authority submit any reply to the Show Cause Notice.. Hence the matter is taken up for hearing ex-parte.

Vide her original RTI application dated 10-1-2014 the appellant raised 3 issues as 3 questions. Issue nos 1 & 2 relates to information which fall within the domain of the RTI Act and which the concerned Public Authority is required to furnish under the Act .

Therefore, the concerned SPIO and the First Appellate Authority i.e., the BDO of Katigorah Development Block is directed to furnish the required information to the petitioner/ appellant within 15 days with intimation to the Commission.

The Commission also notes that the SPIO and the 1st Appellate Authority did not respond to the RTI application and the 1st Appeal petition of the petitioner/appellant without any reasonable cause. Therefore, a penalty of Rs. 5000/- is imposed on the SPIO which will be deposited in the Head of Account-“0070-Other Administrative Services” by Treasury Challan and a copy of the Treasury Challan shall be submitted to the Commission by Registered post within 15 days.

The First Appellate Authority i.e., the BDO, Katigorah Development Block is also hereby directed to be prompt and responsive in future in dealing with RTI applications in his capacity as the First Appellate Authority.

As regards issue No.-3, the SPIO will apprise the petitioner/ appellant about the present status of the application for IAY Houses by Hajara Begum Laskar.

The other part of issue No. 3 is an allegation of corruption which does not come within the ambit of the RTI Act. The appellant may file her complaint before the Competent Vigilance Authority.

With the above order the appeal petition is disposed off.

Sd/-

(H. S. Das) IAS (Retd)
Assam State Chief information Commissioner,
Panjabari, Guwahati-39

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Secretary & Registrar
Assam State Information Commn.

Memo No. KP(M) 536/2014/

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1. 1st Appellate Authority, Katigorah Development Block, Silchar, Cachar for information and necessary action.
2. SPIO, Katigorah Development Block, Silchar, Cachar for information and necessary action.
3. Smti Sakila Aktar Choudhury Natboma Housefed Complex Hatigaon, Guwahati-38.
4. Shri S. Mewara, Principal Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for information.
5. Commissioner , Panchayat & Rural Development, Juripar, Guwahati-39
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