OFFICE OF THE ASSAM STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION JONAKEE COMPLEX, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6

Appeal Case No: <u>DMJ03/2014</u>

Appellant: Sri Romen Gohain

Village- Lachit Nagar

Khubalia Dist- Dhemaji

Public Authority: Additional Chief Medical & Health Officer

Absent

Heard by: Shri Himangshu Sekhar Das,

Assam State Chief Information Commr.

Appellant was Represented by:

Self.

Public Authority was represented by

Absent

O R D E R 05-02-2015

The appellant Sri Ramen Gohain is present. The PIO in the office of Additional Chief Medical & Health Officer (FW) of Dhemaji district and the First Appellate Authority i.e., the Additional Chief Medical & Health Officer (FW) of Dhemaji District are absent without any intimation or leave of the Commission.

The case is taken up for hearing ex-parte. The only information that the appellant wanted vide his original RTI application dated 29-10-2013 and by his subsequent petition dated 3-12-2013 before the First Appellate Authority were:

Certified Xerox copies of the joining letters against various posts by Sri Indreswar Sarma, UDA in the office of the Additional Chief Medical & Health Officer (FW) of Dhemaji district. The appellant has approached the Commission, as both the PIO and the First Appellate Authority have failed to give him the information sought for.

The PIO is hereby directed to furnish the information to the appellant within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order.

The PIO is also asked to show cause as to why penalty under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 shall not be imposed on him for his failure to furnish the information within the time limit specified under Sub-Section 1 of Section 7 of the RTI Act.

Serve Notice on the PIO accordingly which is returnable by 28-2-2015.

The appellant has also prayed for compensation under Section 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005 for the cost he had to incur for non-receipt of the simple information from the PIO and the First Appellate Authority. He submitted a statement of a total expenditure totalling Rs. 1602/-. Since the information

sought for by him was of a very simple nature which the PIO and the First Appellate Authority failed to furnish, necessitating the appellant to come to the Commission. The PIO is hereby directed to pay an amount of Rs. 1,500/- as compensation to the appellant Sri Romen Gohain within10 days of receipt of this order and report compliance.

A communication dated 4.2.2015 was received from the Additional Chief Medical & Health Officer (FW), Dhemaji, after the hearing was over, praying for fixation of another date, as he was busy with election work.

In view of the order already passed as above, the prayer is filed.

Sd/-(H.S.DAS,IAS) (Retd) State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati-37

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Secretary & Registrar Assam State Information Commn.

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Copy to:

- 1. Additional Chief Medical & Health Officer, (FW), Dhemaji, for information and necessary action.
- 2. The SPIO, Office of the Additional Chief Medical & Health Officer, Dhemaji, for information and necessary action.
- 3. Sri Romen Gohain, Appellant for information.
- 4 Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office file.

Registrar and Secretary
Assam State Information Commission,
Dispur, Guwahati-6