

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

Complaint Case No: BPT.13/2015

Complainant : Sri Sarbananda Das

Public Authority: Managing Director, Assam State Transport Corporation, Paltanbazar, Guwahati-8

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

Complainant was Represented by: Sri Sarbananda Das

Public Authority was represented by: Absent

O R D E R
8.4.2015

The appellant Shri Sarbananda Das is present. The Public Authority, viz. the SPIO of Assam State Transport Corporation and the first Appellate Authority i.e. MD, ASTC, Paltanbazar, Guwahati – both are absent without information or seeking leave of the Commission. In absence of the Public Authority the second appeal petition is taken up for hearing ex-parte.

The brief of the case is that on 9.4.14 the applicant Sri Sarbananda Das filed an RTI application addressed to the SPIO of ASTC seeking information on how many employees have been appointed and by following what procedure against different vacancies in the ASTC from 2003. It is seen from the case record that thereafter when he did not get the required information during the stipulated period of 30 (thirty) days, he filed an appeal petition before the first Appellate Authority i.e. the MD of ASTC. Having not received any response from the first Appellate Authority also, he filed a second appeal petition before this Commission on 5.8.14 followed by another one dtd 7.11.14.

From perusal of case records, the Commission finds no reason as to why the sought for information could not be furnished to the applicant so far. The Commission therefore, directs the SPIO in the office of the MD, ASTC to furnish the required information to the applicant Shri Sarbananda Das within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of receipt of this order.

The Commission also directs the SPIO of ASTC to show cause as to why reasonable penalty shall not be imposed on him for his failure to discharge his duties u/s 20 of the RTI Act, 2005.

Managing Director, ASTC is also directed to clarify as to why he could not respond to the first appeal petition dtd 15.5.14. Submissions of MD, ASTC and SPIO in the office of the ASTC, Guwahati to reach this Commission within 30 (thirty) days from the date of receipt of this order.

With above order the second appeal petition is disposed of.

Sd/-

(H. S. Das)

Assam State Chief Information Commissioner,
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Secretary & Registrar
Assam State Information Commn.

Memo No. BPT.13/2015/

Dtd. 08.4.2015

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1. The Managing Director, Assam State Transport Corporation, Paltonbazar, Guwahati-8 for information and necessary action.
2. The SPIO in the office of the Assam State Transport corporation, Paltonbazar, Guwahati-8 for information and necessary action.
3. Shri Sarbananda Das, Vill- Budrurtup, Word No. 13, PO- Barpeta, Dist.- Barpeta, Assam for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.

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