

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

Appeal Case No: LPR.13/2014

Appellant : Shri Debananda Saikia,
Vill & PO- Panigaon, Dist- Lakhimpur,
Assam PIN- 787052

Public Authority: Divisional Officer, Soil Conservation, Assam,
Lakhimpur.

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

Appellant was 1. Shri Debananda Saikia of Panigaon, Dist. Lakhimpur
2. Shri Sarat Baruah

Represented by:

Public Authority was Absent
represented by

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26.3.2015

The petitioner Shri Debananda Saikia is present along with one Shri Sarat Baruah. The Public authority to be represented by the SPIO of the office of the Divisional Officer, Lakhimpur Soil Conservation Division, North Lakhimpur is absent without information or seeking leave of the Commission for his absence. The second appeal petition is taken up for hearing ex-parte in the absence of the SPIO.

The RTI applicant submitted his first RTI application to the Divisional Officer, Soil Conservation Division, North Lakhimpur, Assam on 12.7.13. The Divisional Officer wrote to the RTI applicant on 8.2.13 giving 11 (eleven) pages of information. Not satisfied with the information received, which according to the applicant is incomplete, he filed an appeal petition before the Managing Director, Soil Conservation. It is noted that the appeal petition was wrongly addressed as there is no Managing Director, Soil Conservation, although there is Director, Soil Conservation, Govt. of Assam. Any way, on 23.9.13 the SPIO of the Directorate of Soil Conservation, Govt. of Assam wrote to the Divisional Officer, Soil Conservation, Lakhimpur Soil Conservation Division to give proper information against point No. 3 & 5 of the original RTI application. On 24.10.13 the Divisional Officer, Soil Conservation, North Lakhimpur wrote to Shri Debananda Saikia informing him that the required information has been kept ready for him and he should collect the information by paying necessary cost. It is noted that the cost was not mentioned. The applicant filed second appeal petition before the commission on 24.4.14 stating that on 21.11.13 he deposited Rs. 130.00 (Rupees one hundred thirty) and received some information against his RTI petition point No. 3. He has submitted that he is yet to get the complete information.

The commission directs the Divisional Officer, North Lakhimpur Soil conservation Division, Dist. Lakhimpur to allow Shri Debananda Saikia, the RTI applicant to inspect all documents with reference to point No. 3 of his original RTI application dtd 12.7.13 during

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office hours on any working day upto 30th April, 2015. The applicant will give prior information of his visit for inspection of documents to the Divisional Officer, Soil Conservation Division, North Lakhimpur. After inspection, the applicant will be allowed by the Divisional Officer, Soil Conservation to make notes , copies or photocopies of the documents that he requires. Such photocopies will be given free of cost upto 50 (fifty) copies. For additional photocopies if any, the applicant will have to pay Rs. 2.00 (two) per photocopy. Compliance report will be submitted to this Commission by the SPIO i.e. Divisional Officer, Soil Conservation Division, North Lakhimpur by 10th of may, 2015.

With this order the second appeal petition is disposed of.

Sd/-

(H. S. Das)

Assam State Chief Information Commissioner,
Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-

Secretary & Registrar
Assam State Information Commn.

Memo No. LPR.13/2014/

Dtd. 26.3.2015

Copy to:

1. The Director, Soil Conservation, Govt. of Assam, R.G. Baruah Road, Guwahati-24 for information and necessary action.
2. The Divisional Officer, Soil Conservation Division & SPIO, North Lakhimpur for information and necessary action.
3. Shri Debananda Saikia, Vill & PO- Panigaon, Dist. Lakhimpur, Assam PIN-787052 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.

Secretary & Registrar
Assam State Information Commission