

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

Appeal Case No: LPR.44/2013

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

Public Authority: Regional Manager, Assam Gramin Vikash Bank,
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 1. Shri Debi Prasad Adhikari, Chief Manager,
represented by Assam Gramin Vikash Bank, H.O., Bhangagarh
Guwahati-05
2. Shri Ratan Deb, Manager, Assam Gramin Vikash
Bank, H.O. Bhangagarh, Guwahati-05

O R D E R
26.3.2015

The Petitioner Shri Debananda Saikia is present along with one Sri Sarat Baruah. The Public Authority is represented by Shri Debi Prasad Adhikary, Chief Manager, Assam Gramin Vikash Bank and Sri Ratan Deb, Manager, Assam Gramin Vikash Bank, Guwahati-5. The second appeal petition dtd 10.10.13 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

The original RTI application dated 9.4.13 was addressed to the Manager, Assam Gramin Vikash Bank, Panigaon, North Lakhimpur, Assam. The Public Information Officer cum Regional Manager of Assam Gramin Vikash Bank, North Lakhimpur replied to the RTI applicant on 6.5.13 giving pointwise information to the applicant. The RTI applicant was not satisfied with the reply on two counts: (1) the details, i.e. list of villages of the service area of Panigaon Branch, Assam Gramin Vikash Bank was not furnished to him, and (2) the names, complete addresses and loan documents of KCC beneficiaries from the year 2005 to March, 2013 were not furnished to him on the ground that they involve third party information and business secrecy. The applicant filed his first appeal petition before the Chairman of Assam Gramin Vikash Bank on 1.6.13. The Chairman and the first Appellate Authority of the Assam Gramin Vikash Bank replied to the applicant on 5.8.13 enclosing a list of the service area villages of Panigaon Branch of Assam Gramin Vikash Bank. As regards second point, the Chairman also refused to furnish the information on the same ground i.e. they involve third party information and business secrecy. In their letter dtd 5.6.13 the Regional Manager of Assam Gramin Vikash Bank had already furnished the total number of KCC lonees and total amount of loan given by the Branch from January, 2005 to March, 2013.

The Commission is of the view that the Bank is right in not disclosing the account details and loan documents of the KCC loanees. However, the Commission directs the Regional Manager, Assam Gramin Vikash Bank, North Lakhimpur to furnish the names and addresses of the KCC loanees of the Bank Branch for the period from January, 2005 to March, 2013 within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of receipt of this order.

With this 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. LPR.44./2013/

Dtd. 26.3.2015

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1. The Chairman & 1st Appellate Authority, Assam Gramin Vikash Bank, Bhangagarh, Guwahati-5 for information and necessary action
2. The Regional Manager, & Assam Gramin Vikash Bank, 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.

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