

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

Appeal Case No: LPR.46/2013

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

Public Authority: Block Development Officer, Telahi Development Block.

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 i.e. the SPIO in the office of the BDO, Telahi Development Block, Dist. Lakhimpur, Assam is absent without information and seeking leave of the Commission for his absence. In the absence of the SPIO, the second appeal petition dtd 8.11.13 is taken up for hearing ex-parte.

It is seen that the original RTI petition dtd 6.6.13 was addressed to the BDO, Telahi Development Block, Lakhimpur. Having not received any response to the above mentioned RTI application within the stipulated period of 30 ( thirty) days, the applicant filed his first appeal petition before the PD, DRDA, North Lakhimpur, Dist. Lakhimpur. On 17.8.13 the Project Director, DRDA transferred the appeal petition to the BDO, Telahi Development Block directing him to furnish the information to the applicant. But even then, the BDO, Talahi Development Block did not furnish any information or gave any response to the appellant. Thereafter the appellant filed the second appeal petition before this Commission on 8.11.13.

On perusal of the original RTI petition dtd 6.6.13, it is seen that all the information sought for by him are admissible under the RTI Act, 2005. The commission therefore, directs the BDO. Telahi Development Block, Dist. Lakhimpur to allow the applicant/appellant Shri Debananda Saikia to inspect the relevant documents and office records and take notes and make copies/photocopies of the documents that he requires. The BDO, Telahi Development Block will provide photocopies of required documents free of cost upto 50 ( fifty ) copies and charge Rs. 2.00 ( two ) per photocopy. Thereafter the applicant will give two days' notice to the BDO before his inspection during office hours on any working day upto 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2015. The entire process of inspection and furnishing of documents will be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

Further, the Commission directs SPIO in the office of the BDO, Telahi Development Block, dist Lakhimpur to show cause within 30th April, 2015 as to why

penalty u/s 20 of the RTI Act, 2005 shall not be imposed on him for his refusal to furnish the required information to the applicant. His written submission should reach this Commission latest by 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

Sd/-

(H. S. Das)  
Assam State Chief Information Commissioner,  
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Secretary & Registrar  
Assam State Information Commn.

Memo No. LPR.46/2013/

Dtd. 26.3.2015

Copy to:

1. The Project Director, DRDA, Lakhimpur, North Lakhimpur for information and necessary action.
2. The Block Development Officer, Telahi Dev. Block, Lakhimpur for information and necessary action.
3. The Spio in the office of the BDO, Telahi Dev. Block, lakhimpur for information and necessary action.
4. Shri Debananda Saikia, Vill & PO- Panigaon, Dist. Lakhimpur, Assam PIN- 787052 for information.
5. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
6. Office File.

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