

**OFFICE OF THE ASSAM STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION  
JONAKKEE COMPLEX, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-37**

**Appeal Case No:** KP(M)440/2014  
**Date of Hearing:** 11-5-2015  
**Appellant :** Sri Hari Narayan Pathak  
**Respondent:** Sri Uday Kr. Khanikar  
**Complaint/Second Appeal heard by:** Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Retd)  
State Chief Information Commissioner,  
Assam

**ORDER**

Both the parties are present. The complaint petition dated 26-6-2014 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties. The Public Authority has made a written submission dated 11-5-2015 which is entered into the case records,.

The gist of the case is that the petitioner enclosed Rs. 10/- in cash with his RTI application dated 15-5-2014. The PIO of Gauhati University did not accept receive the cash and informed the petitioner vide letter dated 10-6-2014 that the PIO is not authorized by the University to receive cash and give him a receipt. By the same letter the Appellate Authority of Gauhati University informed the petitioner to re-submit the RTI application along with the required fees, by way of Demand Draft or Banker's Cheque or IPO payable to the Registrar, Gauhati University as was already communicated to him vide Gauhati University letter dated 27-5-2014. Instead of paying the fees by IPO or a Demand Draft or by Bankers' Cheque, the petitioner insisted that the fee of Rs. 10/- be received in cash and that is why he has filed the complaint petition.

The PIO and the Dy. Registrar, Gauhati University submitted that he could not accept the cash as the standing instruction of Gauhati University does not allow it.

The Govt of Assam Notification No.AR.78/2005/142 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2006 – paragraph 3 and 4, read with Section 22 of the RTI Act, 2005, allows payment of the fee by Cash against proper receipt or by Demand Draft or by Bankers' Cheque . Therefore, if any petitioner chooses to pay his fees in cash, the PIO will have to accept the cash for depositing the same in the designated cash counter for acting upon the RTI application under the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO of Gauhati University is directed to act upon the present RTI petition dated 15-5-2014 accordingly.

With the above order, the complaint petition is disposed of.

**Sd/-**

**(H. S. Das,IAS) (Retd)  
State Chief Information Commissioner  
Assam**

**Authenticated true copy**

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**Secretary & Registrar  
Assam State Information Commission**

**Copy to:**

1. PIO & Deputy Registrar, Gauhati University , Guwahati-14 for information & necessary action.
2. Sri Hari Narayan Pathak, Petitioner, Padumpukhuri, Uzanbazar, Guwahati for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the website.
4. Office file.

**Secretary & Registrar,  
Assam State Information Commission**