

**OFFICE OF THE
ASSAM STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
JONAKKEE COMPLEX, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-781 037**

Case No. : GLP.47/2012

Complainant/ appellant : Shri Hari Narayan Pathak

Respondent : Sri Ajit Kr. Das, Tax Daroga &
PIO Goalpara Municipal Board, Goalpara

Date of hearing : 22. 7. 2015

Complaint/ Second : Shri H.S. Das, IAS (Retd)
appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
22.7.2015

The petitioner/ appellant Sri Hari Narayan Pathak is present. The Public Authority is represented by Sri Ajit Kr. Das, Tax Daroga and PIO, Goalpara Municipal Board.

The Executive Officer, Goalpara Municipal Board Sri Dhiman Kr. Choudhury has made a written submission dated 21-7-2015, which is entered into the case records. In his written submission he has stated , inter alia, that the copy of death certificate of Quazi Tahfizur Rahman, son of Late Quazi Talmizur Rahman, purportedly issued by Goalpara Municipal Board on 14-8-1986 is not available in the office of Goalpara Municipal Board. The said certificate could not be found even after a thorough search of the office records. He has further stated that since the year 1987 the Joint Director of Medical and Health Services has been designated as the authority to issue Birth and Death certificates in their respective districts. He further stated that the Chairman, Goalpara Municipal Board had duly informed the petitioner on 21-2-2013 about the non-availability of the sought for death certificate or any records pertaining thereto.

The Commission takes note of the fact that the RTI petition was dated 1-6-2012. So the information/ documents sought for by him is 26 years old which do not come within the ambit of the RTI Act, 2005, although the Birth and Death Register is expected to be a permanent record. However, the petitioner/ appellant is free to take up with the appropriate authorities about the non-availability of the Death Register (and the sought for Death Certificate) , which was maintained by the Goalpara Municipal Board , as mentioned at para-4 of the letter of Joint Director, Health Services, Goalpara, dated 4-8-2012 addressed to the Director of Health Services, Govt. of Assam.

With the 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 Commission

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