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

Case No. : KP(M)432/2012

Complainant/ appellant : Sri Baikuntha Chetia

Respondent : Sri Hiranya Pathak,]

SPIO and Asstt. Conservator of Forests,

Social Forestry Division,

Date of hearing : 27. 7. 2015

Complaint/ Second : Shri H.S. Das, IAS (Retd)

appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER

The petitioner/ appellant Sri Baikuntha Chetia is absent without any information. The Public Authority is represented by Sri Hiranya Pathak, SPIO and Asstt. Conservator of Forests, Guwahati Social Forestry Division, accompanied by Sri Dipjyoti Barman, Junior Asstt., O/O DFO, Guwahati Social Forestry Division.

The SPIO has made a written submission dated 24-7-2015 which is entered into the case records. In his written submission he has stated that on receipt of the original RTI application dated 2-3-2012, partial information was provided to the petitioner vide letter dated 17-3-2012. For the remaining information he was requested to attend the office of DFO, twice, i.e. on 26-3-2012 and again on 9-4-2012. But on both the occasions the petitioner did not go to the office of the SPIO.

The first Appellate Authority also requested the petitioner to attend a hearing of the appeal petition on 22-5-2012, but the appellant did not appear.

The main ground adduced in the second appeal petition dated 4-7-2012 is that the SPIO's telephone No.-0361-2305451 was dis-functional. The SPIO submitted that he cannot be blamed for the non-functioning of his BSNL land line.

In view of the above, the Commission directs the first Appellate Authority to hear the appeal petition and dispose it of, within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order, after confirming that the petitioner has received his notice for appearance for the hearing before the first Appellate Authority. If the petitioner fails to appear again at the time of hearing, without any valid reasons, then the appeal may be disposed on merit, with a speaking order, with information to this Commission.

With the above order the appeal petition is disposed of.

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

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Assam State Information Commission

Copy to:

- 1. Sri Hiranya Pathak, SPIO and Asstt. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division, O/O DFO, Guwahati Social Forestry Division, Guwahati for information.
- 2. Sri Baikuntha Chetia, Bye Lane-3, Chenaki Path, Baghorbari, Guwahati-37 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

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