

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

Case No. : JRT.30/2013

Complainant/ appellant : **Shri Kishori Mohan Paul**

Respondent : **BEEO, BMC, SSA, Majuli**

Date of hearing : **09-9-2015**

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

O R D E R

The petitioner Sri Kishori Mohan Paul is present. The public authority is represented by Sri Dimbeswar Borah, UDA in the office of the BEEO, Majuli and Sri Suren Kakoti, Head Master of Kamalabari Girls High School, Majuli.

The second appeal petition dated 16-9-2013 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

From a perusal of the case records, it is seen that the petitioner Sri Kishori Mohan Paul submitted an RTI application before the SPIO of the office of D.I of School, Kamalabari, Majuli. In his RTI application he stated that he retired as Head Master of Kamalabari Girls M.E. School on 31st March, 2010. In his RTI petition he further stated that the new Head Master and Secretary of the School Management Committee Sri Suren Kakoti did not invite him, who was the founder teacher and retired Head Master of the said M.E School, and his wife who was a Member of the School Management Committee. They were not invited in two consecutive meetings of the School Management Committee which were held to constitute the new Management Committee in 2011. The petitioner further stated that he along with his wife donated Rs. 2 lakhs for construction of the administrative building of the school. By his RTI application he wanted to know the reason why he and his wife were not invited to the meeting. By his second question, the petitioner wanted to know whether by not-inviting him and his wife for the aforesaid meeting of the School Management Committee, the respondent violated the Education Code of Assam and guidelines of SSA.

The present Head Master Sri Suren Kakoti stated that it was not the School Management Committee meeting but a general meeting of the guardians, members of the local Panchayat and other prominent citizen like Gaon Burha of the area. This was in accordance with the guidelines of SSA. Sri Kakoti further submitted that the book containing the recorded minutes of the meetings of the School Management Committee, which was with his predecessor and the present appellant Sri Kishori Mohan Paul, was seized by the Police in connection with a Court case and has never been made available to the Head Master Sri Suren Kakoti. Therefore, he is not aware of any resolution , whereby it was decided not to invite Sri K.M.Paul.

From the above, it is clear that Sri Kishori Mohan Paul and his wife were not invited to the general meeting convened by the Head Master Sri Suren Kakoti. However, whether the point raised by the applicant as to why he and his wife were not invited is not a part of any office record or document as defined under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005 or under the definition of Right to Information under Section 2(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. The present Head Master Sri Suren Kakoti has also categorically deposed before the Commission that there is no document or information regarding the reason why the petitioner and his wife were not invited in the general body meeting. Therefore, there is no information to be furnished.

As regards point No. 2, regarding violation of Assam Education Code or SSA guidelines, as alleged by the petitioner, the Commission asked the petitioner to show any such guidelines which were violated by the present Head Master. But he could not produce those guidelines. However, the petitioner feels aggrieved that as the founder teacher or as retired Head Master and also as the donor member of the past School Management Committee he should have been invited for the general meeting of the school mentioned above. The Information Commission is not the appropriate forum for redressal of this grievance. For this the petitioner/ appellant may approach the competent authority i.e., the D.I of Schools , Kamalabari, Majuli for redressal of his grievances, if the present Head Master Sri Suren Kakoti has violated any SSA guidelines as alleged by the petitioner/ appellant.

With the above order the second appeal petition is disposed of.

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

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Secretary & Registrar
Assam State Information Commission

Memo No. JRT.30/2013/ -A

Dated 9th Sept. 2015

Copy to:

1. Sri Suren Kakoti, Head Master of Kamalabari Girls High School, Majuli.
For information and necessary action.
2. Sri Kishori Mohan Paul, Dariyagaon, P.O. Kamalabari, Majuli, Dist-
Jorhat, PIN 785 106 for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.

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