

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

Case No.	: DBR.32/2013
Complainant/ appellant	: Shri Sarat Ch. Neog
Respondent	: BDO, Borborua Development Block
Date of hearing	: 28-9-2015
Complaint/ Second appeal heard by	: Shri H.S. Das, IAS (Retd) Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

<u>ORDER</u>

The petitioner/ appellant Sri Sarat Ch. Neog is present. The public authority, namely the SPIO in the office of BDO, Barbarua Development Block is absent without information. The second appeal petition dated 12-8-2013 is taken up for hearing ex-parte in the absence of the respondent/ public authority.

From a perusal of the case records, it is seen that the original RTI application dated 3-5-2013 was submitted by the petitioner to the BDO, Borborua Development Block, District- Dibrugarh, followed by the first appeal petition dated 12-6-2013 before the P.D, DRDA, Dibrugarh. Vide letter dated 21-6-2012, the PIO and Executive Engineer of DRDA, Dibrugarh transferred the first appeal petition to the BDO, Borborua Development Block requesting him to furnish the information directly to the petitioner. The petitioner submitted that till today he has not received the information from the BDO, Borborua Development Block.

After a perusal of the original RTI petition dated 3-5-2013, it is seen that the information sought for relates to MGNREGA and other development schemes under Borborua Development Block. But no specific time period was clearly mentioned in the RTI petition. When asked by this Commission the petitioner stated that he will be satisfied if he is furnished the information for the year 2012-13.

The Commission is of the view that the information sought for is admissible under the RTI Act, 2005. The Commission therefore, directs the BDO, Borborua Development Block to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant office records and take notes thereof and also photo copies of relevant records/ documents as he may need with reference to his RTI petition, free of cost up to 50 pages and on payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional photo copy thereafter, within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. The BDO is further directed to report compliance within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.

With the above order the second appeal petition dated 12-8-2013 is disposed of.

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

Authenticated true copy. Sd/-

Secretary & Registrar Assam State Information Commission

Memo No- DBR.32/2013 /- A Copy to:-

- 1. SPIO in the office of BDO, Barbaruah Development Block , Dibrugarh for information and necessary action.
- 2. Shri Sarat Ch. Neog, Vill- Burabazar, Konwar Gaon, P.O- Barbaruah, Dist-Dibrugarh- 786 007
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5 Office File.

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