

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

Case No. : NLB.41/2013

Complainant/ appellant : Shri Hitesh Deka

Respondent : BDO, Paschim Nalbari Dev. Block, Chamata

Date of hearing : 24.9.2015

Complaint/ Second : Shri Pinuel Basumatary, IA&AS (Retd)
appeal heard by : State Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
24.9.2015

The Public Authority is represented by (1) Shri Prakash Barman, i/c BDO, Paschim Nalbari Dev. Block, Chamata, and (2) Shri sarat Barma, Secretary, 22 No. Dakshin Khetri Gaon panchayat.

The Complainant is absent without information.

Perused the written reply submitted to the Commission by the Public Authority namely BDO, i/c, Paschim Nalbari Dev. Block, Samata through his letter No. PNDB/RTI/21/PT/2015/0203 dtd. 22.09.15. In his personal deposition he reaffirmed the contents of his written reply and stated that the complainant had not written to him if there was any deficiency in the information provided to him by the Public Authority.

In the absence of the Complainant, the Commission was not in a position to ascertain whether he was now satisfied with the information supplied to him. However, in his complaint submitted to the Commission through his letter dtd 21.11.13, the Complainant has cited a number of anomalies in the information and records .supplied to him

The Complainant has also referred to the demand made on him for an amount of Rs. 1250.00 to be deposited towards cost of photocopying of 625 pages of documents and that finally the number of pages of photocopies supplied to him was only 141.

In view of the facts and circumstances stated above, the Commission directs the SPIO to re-examine the said complaint dtd 21.11.13, reconcile the discrepancies pointed out by him and furnish the correct information to the Complainant within a period of 15 days of receipt of this order under intimation to this Commission.

Considering that exaggerating the estimated cost of photocopying communicated to the Applicant as was done by the Public Authority in the instant case, would amount to harassment to an Applicant under the RTI Act, 2005, the Commission advises the Public Authority to prepare such estimates more correctly in future.

With the above order the complaint case is disposed of with the direction to the Complainant that on receipt of the remaining information as sought for, if he is not satisfied, he may approach the Commission again.

Pinuel Basumatary
State Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Secretary & Registrar
Assam State Information Commission

Memo No. NLB.41/2013/

Dtd. 24.9.2015

Copy to:

1. The Block Development Officer, Paschim Nalbari Development Block, Samata, Dist. Nalbari, Assam for information and necessary action.
2. Shri Hitesh Deka, Vill & PO – Khakhisal, Dist. Nalbari, Assam PIN-781310 for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.

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