

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

Case No. : SBR.27/2013

Complainant/ appellant : Sri Lakhi Madav Saikia

Respondent : Secretary, Forest and Environment Department.

Date of hearing : 14-10-2015

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

appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER

The public authority is represented by Sri Mukunda Madhab Bora APIO and Sr. Environmental Engineer, State Pollution Control Board and Sri Sanjeeb Kr. Kakoti, Asstt. Engineer of the same office.

The complainant Sri Lakhi Madav Saikia is absent without information. The complaint petition dated 30-11-2013 is taken up for hearing ex-parte in the absence of the appellant.

From the case records it is seen that the complainant Sri Lakhi Madav Saikia submitted an RTI petition before the Secretary, Forest and Environment Department, Govt. of Assam on 22-8-2013. His RTI petition was transferred by SPIO and Deputy Secretary, Environment and Forest Department, Govt. of Assam to the SPIO of State Pollution Control Board on 30th August, 2013 with a copy to the applicant. Another letter was sent by the SPIO and Deputy Secretary of Environment and Forest Department on 22nd October, 2013 informing the applicant that his RTI petition was transferred to the State Pollution Control Board for necessary action.

Being aggrieved for not receiving any information from the public authority, a petition dated 30-11-2013 was filed before this Commission with a prayer to enquire into the matter and take action as per Rule.

From this petition dated 30-11-2013 it is not clear whether the applicant has filed an appeal petition or a complaint petition. Nor is the appellant Sri Lakhi Madav Saikia is present in today's hearing. So it could not be ascertained whether he is still interested in getting the information sought for by him.

On a perusal of his RTI application, it is seen that he has raised several issues, covering almost all the aspects of the functioning of the Pollution Control Board in the same RTI application dated 22-8-2013. Furnishing of such voluminous information is likely to put undue burden on the appellate authority i.e., the State Pollution Control Board.

The Commission, therefore, directs the petitioner to visit the office of the State Pollution Control Board within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order and to inspect the relevant office records, take notes thereof and also photo copies of relevant documents, free of cost up to 50 copies on payment of Rs.2/- for every additional copy thereafter. The PIO of Pollution Control Board is also directed to comply with the above order.

With the above order the petition dated 30-11-2013 is disposed of.

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

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Secretary & Registrar
Assam State Information Commission

Copy to:,

- 1. Sri Mukunda Madhab Bora APIO and Sr. Environmental Engineer, State Pollution Control Board, Assam for information & necessary action.
- 2. Sri Lakhi Madav Saikia, Mothadang Gaon, Rudrasagar Oil Field, P.O- Dhuliapar, Dist-Sivsagar for information
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

Secretary & Registrar Assam State Information Commission