

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

Case No. : **KP(M)** 654/2013

Complainant/ appellant : Sri Pranjal Burhagohain

Respondent : State Pollution Control Board, Assam

Date of hearing : 13-10-2015

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

appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER

The appellant Sri Pranjal Burhagohain is present accompanied by Sri Sanjib Rajkhowa. The public authority is represented by Sri Mukunda Madhab Bora, Sr. Environmental Engineer, State Pollution Control Board and Sri Sanjeeb Kr. Kakati, Asstt. Engineer, State Pollution Control Board, Assam.

The appellant has made a written submission dated 15-10-2015 along with enclosures which are entered into the case records. The second appeal petition dated 29-3-2013 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

The gist of the appeal petition is that the petitioner filed an RTI petition on 4-5-2013 before the PIO of State Pollution Control Board, Assam seeking copies of environmental quality monitoring reports submitted by Ms Maxim Infrastructure and Real Estate Private Ltd. Guwahati and Ms Shiv Shakti Cements. The appellant deposed that these two firms submitted the environmental quality monitoring reports to the Pollution Control Board which were purportedly prepred by Ms.Greentech Environmental Engineers and Consultants of which the appellant is the CEO. He further deposed that he did not prepare any report for Ms Maxim Infrastructure and only part of the report of Ms Shiv Shakti Cements.

The PIO of State Pollution Control Board submitted that whatever office records are available in their office file have already been shown and forwarded to the appellant. The appellant submitted that he is satisfied with the information in respect of Ms Maxim Infrastructure and Real Estate Pvt. Ltd. Further, he wants copies of reports relating to Ms. Shiv Shakti Cements Pvt. Ltd., particularly the reports mentioned in Firms forwarding letter No. SSC/116(B)/3860 dated 4th Jun, 2012, a photo copy of which is available with the appellant which are obtained from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, where it is shown as have been received by the State Pollution Control Board, Assam with their seal and signature dated 7-8-2012. The appellant wants a copy of the four reports mentioned in the said forwarding letter, which is retained in the case records.

In view of the above, the Commission directs the Chairman of the State Pollution Control Board under Section 19(8)(a) to locate the said report within his organization , i.e., the Pollution Control Board of Assam and to furnish a copy of the same to the appellant through the PIO within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.

On a request from the PIO of Pollution Control Board the Commission gave him a copy of Ms. Shiv Shakti Cement's letter No. SSC/116(B)/3860 dated 4^{th} June, 2012 to enable him to take prompt action.

The Commission notes that the petitioner has already paid the required cost for obtaining a copy of the said report.

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

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

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Secretary & Registrar Assam State Information Commission

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Copy to:,

- 1. Sri Mukunda Madhab Bora, Sr. Environmental Engineer, State Pollution Control Board, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 2. Sri Pranjal Burhagohain , Flat No. 502, Manisha Residency, Opposite Pantaloons, G. S. Road,, Rukmini Gaon, Guwahati- 22 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

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