

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

Case No. : JRT. 20/2013

Complainant/ appellant : Sri Bikash Saikia

Respondent : BDO, Jorhat

Date of hearing : 29-10-2015

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

appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

## ORDER

The petitioner Sri Bikash Saikia is present. The public authority, i.e., the Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat is represented by Sri Rabin Ch. Dutta, BDO of the Central Jorhat Development Block, Sipahikhola, Jorhat.

From a perusal of the case records it is seen that the original RTI petition dated 3-6-2013 was addressed to the District Information Officer, Jorhat, which was received in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat. Apparently, the name and address of the concerned public authority was not correctly mentioned by the petitioner. The Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat has sent a written submission dated 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 along with an authorization letter of the same date, authorizing Sri R C. Dutta to attend today's hearing.

In his written submission the Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat has stated that the RTI application of Sri Bikash Saikia was transferred to the BDO of Central Jorhat Development Block on 7-6-2013 and subsequently the first appeal petition dated 30-7-2013 was also transferred to the CEO, Zila Parishad, Jorhat on 1-8-2013.

The substantive position as of date is that the information has not been furnished to the petitioner, although a copy of the letter dated 1-8-2013, transferring the first appeal petition to the CEO Jorhat Zila Parishad was addressed to the petitioner.

On perusal of the RTI petition dated 3-6-2013, it is seen that the petitioner wants to know the amount that has been sanctioned under the different Heads and Schemes for construction of a bund across the Dihanadi- Holongajan- Gohain Fusal G.P under the Central Jorhat Development Block from 2001 till 2013. The information sought for is admissible under the RTI Act of 2005.

The Commission, therefore, directs the BDO of Central Development Block, Jorhat to allow the petitioner to inspect all relevant records and documents of the above-mentioned G.P during office hours on any working day within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order and also allow him to take photo copies free of cost up to 50 pages and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional copy.

The Commission further directs the CEO , Jorhat Zila Parishad and P.D, DRDA also to take similar actions in respect of the information which are available with them and not with the concerned BDO and the G.P.

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

Authenticated true copy. Sd/-

Secretary & Registrar
Assam State Information Commission

Copy to:,

- 1. Sri Rabin Ch. Dutta, BDO of the Central Jorhat Development Block, Sipahikhola , Jorhat.for information & necessary action.
- 2. CEO, Zila Parishad, Jorhat for information and necessary action.
- 3. P.D., DRDA, Jorhat, for information & necessary action.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5. Office File.

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