

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

Case No. : **KP(M).513/2013** 

Complainant/ appellant : Sri Manjit Kr. Sarma

Respondent : DIPR, Assam

Date of hearing : **12-10-2015** 

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

appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

## ORDER

The appellant Sri Manjit Kr. Sarma is present accompanied by Smti Asomee Dutta Barua. The public authority is represented by Sri Ranjit Gogoi, DIPR and the first Appellate Authority, accompanied by Sri Sirajul Hussain, SPIO in the office of DIPR.

The second appeal petition dated 2-8-2013 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

The SPIO in the office of DIPR has made a written submission dated 9-10-2015which is entered into the case records. The DIPR has also made a written submission dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, which is also entered into the case records.

From a perusal of the case records it is seen that the petitioner Sri Manjit Kr. Sarma filed his RTI application dated 23-5-2013 before the SPIO and Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam in the Information & Public Relations Department. Vide letter dated 10-6-2013 the SPIO transferred the RTI application to the Director of Information & Public Relations under Section 6(3). Meanwhile, the applicant filed his first appeal petition before the Commissioner & Secretary of Information & Public Relations on 24-6-2013, which was forwarded by the SPIO of Information & Public Relations Department to the DIPR vide letter dated 28-6-2013 with a request to provide the information directly to the petitioner. Thereafter, the SPIO and Joint Director in the office of DIPR, by his letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2013, forwarded one sheet of information to Sri M. K. Sarma, the applicant.

The applicant was not satisfied with the cryptic information given to him.

After hearing both the parties, this Commission is of the view that the works / items –(a) Technical items, (b) Film, Quicke, Documentary etc.,(c) Hoarding & LED and (d)FLS installation, listed as Gr-I works by the Director, I&PR in their Notice inviting tenders from private firms are covered within the meaning of the terminology "Media Agencies"/ Audio Visual Firms/Audio visual services used by the appellant Sri M. K. Sarma in his RTI petition dated 23-5-2013 and as is understood in the common parlance.

The Commission, therefore, directs the SPIO in the office of Directorate of I&PR to furnish the information in relation to the above mentioned 4 (four) items, categorized as Gr-I by the Directorate, within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order, which is pronounced in presence of both the parties.

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

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Sd/Secretary & Registrar
Assam State Information Commission

Copy to:,

- 1. Sri Ranjit Gogoi, DIPR, Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for information & necessary action.
- 2. Sri Manjit Kr. Sarma, House No-9, Kharguli Road, Guwahati- 781 004 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

Secretary & Registrar Assam State Information Commission