

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

Case No.	: JRT.27/2013
Complainant/ appellant	: Sri Dulal Bora
Respondent	: CEO, Jorhat
Date of hearing	: 27-11-2015
Complaint/ Second appeal heard by	: Shri H.S. Das, IAS (Retd) Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

<u>O R D E R</u>

The petitioner Sri Dulal Bora is present. The public authority is represented by (1) Smti Akashee Duwarah, ACS, Asstt. Commissioner, D.C's Office, Jorhat , (2) Shri Dhruba Bordoloi, Jorhat Division (Irrigation), Jorhat and (3) Sri Dipen Hazarika, Asstt.PIO, Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD, Jorhat State Road Division.

The second appeal petition dated 6-9-2013 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties today.

The First Appellate Authority and Additional Deputy Commissioner in the office of the Deputy Commissi8oner, Jorhat has sent a written submission dated 27th October, 2015 stating that on receipt of the RTI petition dated 18-2-2013 it was sent to Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) on 4-3-2013. Thereafter, the Sr. Planning Officer, Jorhat wrote to all the Heads of Departments in the district for providing the information.. Accordingly a few concerned development Departments furnished the information to the petitioner, directly.

Not satisfied with the information received, the petitioner filed his first appeal petition before the Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat, which was heard and disposed of by the First Appellate Authority vide his order dated 3-7-2013 directing Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Development) to furnish all information within 30 days free of cost. This order of the FAA is yet to be complied with . Meanwhile, the 2nd Appeal petition dated 6-9-2013 was filed.

However, from the RTI petition dated 18-2-2013 and the second appeal petition dated 6-9-2013 and the RTI petition dated 18-2-2013, it is seen that the petitioner wanted to know – "what kind of development has been done in Jorhat from 1st January, 2009 to 1st January, 2013 and from which Head of the Govt. of Assam the money was taken- all the particulars in details." This Commission is of the view that the information sought for by the petitioner does not strictly fall within the definition of information under Section 2(F) of the RTI Act, 2005, Moreover, it is too broad in scope and qualitative in nature. It will also be voluminous. Such information are not normally maintained in readily accessible form in the office of the Addl. Deputy Commissioner of a district. It, therefore, appears that the First Appellate Authority passed his order dated 3-7-2013 directing the Additional Deputy Commissioner to furnish the required information to the petitioner within 30 days without due application of mind.

With the above observation, the second appeal petition is disposed of.

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

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- 1. The PIO, Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Development), Deputy Commissioner's office, Jorhat for information and necessary action.
- 2. Srimati Akashee Duwarah, (ACS) Assistant Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Jorhat, for information and necessary action.
- 3. Sri Dulal Bora, Koinadhara Tini Ali, House No. 118, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5. Office File.

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