

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

Case No.	: KP(M)147/2013
Complainant/ appellant	: Sri Hari Narayan Pathak
Respondent	: GMDA
Date of hearing	: 21-11-2015
Complaint/ Second appeal heard by	: Shri H.S. Das, IAS (Retd) Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

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

The petitioner/ complainant Sri Hari Narayan Pathak is present. The public authority is represented by Smti Atrayee Goswami, ACS, Development Officer, GMDA.

The second appeal petition dated 4-2-2013 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

The SPIO of GMDA has submitted a written submission dated 17th November, 2015 enclosing a report of the actions taken by GMDA on the RTI application dated 9-7-2012. From the deposition of the petitioner and written report of the SPIO GMDA, it is seen that the GMDA's communication dated 4-8-2012 informing the petitioner about the cost of providing the information did not give any details as is required under Section 7(3)(a). It is also seen that when the break-up of the cost was communicated to the petitioner vide subsequent letter dated 17-9-2012 came down to Rs. 546/- from Rs. 808/- as communicated earlier vide letter dated 4-8-2012. Because of GMDA's failure to comply with Section 7(3)(a) of the RTI Act and intimation of inflated cost at the first instance the required information could not be furnished within the stipulated time period. The petitioner is, therefore, entitled to get the information free of cost.

The Commission, therefore, directs the SPIO to furnish the information to the petitioner free of cost within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

With the above order the second appeal petition dated 4-2-2013 is disposed of

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

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Sd/-Secretary & Registrar Assam State Information Commission

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- 2. Sri Hari Narayan Pathak, Padum Pukhuri, Uzanbazar, Guwahati-1 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
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Dtd. 21-11-2015