

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

Case No. : NGN.82/2013

Complainant/ Appellant : Sri Raj Kumar Chouhan.

Respondent : S.D.O. (Civil), Hojai, Nagaon

Date of hearing : 04.12.2015

Complaint/ Second : Shri Pinuel Basumatary, IA&AS (Retd)
Appeal heard by State Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R 04.12.2015

The Appellant present.

The SPIO, Office of S.D.O. (Civil) absent.

A perusal of the case records indicate the following significant dates:

RTI Application filed with the Office of the S.D.O (C), Hojai, Nagaon.

Complaint to S.D.O. (C), Hojai regarding furnishing incomplete information.

Complaint to the D.C., Nagaon regarding furnishing incomplete information.

22.10.13 Complaint to the Commission regarding furnishing incomplete information.

26.11.13 Notice of hearing issued by the Commission.

No written statement has been received from the SPIO regarding the latest position of the RTI Application. SPIO has also not submitted any explanation as to why penalty will not be imposed on him Under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 for his/her failure to furnish the information to the Applicant within the stipulated period of 30 days.

The Commission had directed the S.D.O. (C), Hojai being the FAA (First Appellate Authority) to apprise the Commission before the date of hearing about the steps he had taken to dispose of the First Appeal in time. The Commission had also given an option to the FAA to depute an authorized representative to hearing. The FAA has not complied with the direction of the Commission.

The Complainant has submitted personally that he was yet to receive the information he had sought for and that he had not accepted the partial information that offered to him. He also added that he had not received any written order on the Complaint he had submitted as mentioned above.

Considering the facts and circumstances stated above, the Commission hereby orders that the SPIO, S.D.O. Civil, Hojai will furnish the information sought for by the Applicant free of cost within 10 days of receipt of this order.

The Commission further orders that the Complainant, if he is not satisfied with the information supplied to him in compliance with this order, will submit a formal Appeal to S.D.O. (C), Hojai being FAA within a period of 21 days, if he so desires.

Further, the Commission orders that should the Complainant submit the First Appeal before him, S.D.O. (C), Hojai as FAA will consider and dispose of the Appeal with a written order within a period of 30 days of receipt of this order.

Sd/-Pinuel Basumatary State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Secretary & Registrar Assam State Information Commission

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Dtd. 04.12.2015

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- 1. The S.D.O. Civil, Hojai, P.O.- Hojai, Dist- Nagaon, Assam Pin- 782425 for information and necessary action.
- 2. Sri Raj Kumar Chouhan, Vill- Uttar Bidyanagar, P.O.- Siliguri Basti, P.S.- Hojai, Dist- Nagaon, Assam Pin- 782435 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

Secretary & Registrar Assam State Information Commission