

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

Case No. : HLK. 25./2014

Complainant/ appellant : Md Salim Uddin Laskar

Respondent : Block Development Officer, Lala dev. Block, Hailakandi

Date of hearing : 30.11.2015

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

**O R D E R**  
30.11.2015

SPIO in the office of the Block Development officer, Lala Development Block is absent without information.

The Appellant Md. Salim Uddin Laskar is present.

Perused the case records. The following is the sequence of important dates:

26.5.14	RTI Application submitted to BDO, Lala Dev. Block
2.6.14	BDO, Lala forwarded the RTI Application to all GP secretaries for furnishing information to the Applicant.
25.8.14	First Appeal submitted to BDO, Lala
25.8.14	Hearing Notice served by FAA
27.9.15	Second Appeal filed before the Commission
18.11.15	Hearing Notice by the Commission.

The Applicant submitted personally that he has not received the information he had sought for from the BDO, Lala Development Block.

Perusal of the case records indicate that the aforementioned BDO had transferred the RTI Application to the Secretaries of the GPs under the said Block. The BDO had issued notice of hearing in connection with the First Appeal of the Applicant fixing 3.9.14 as the date of hearing. The Appellant has submitted that although he was present on the date of hearing, no GP secretary appeared. The Appellant has also submitted that he has not received any order of disposal of his First Appeal.

The Commission is of the view that as the information related to Development Projects like IAY, MSDP and Appna Ghar, etc. the SPIO in the office of the BDO of the said Block was in a better position to provide the same centrally instead of transferring the

Application to the GPs, which is stated by the Appellant to be 18 in numbers. The First Appellate Authority in the office of the BDO, Lala Development Block has also failed in disposing of the First Appeal with the formal order.

In view of the above, the Commission orders that the information sought for by the Applicant will be provided free of cost within a period of 15 days by the SPIO in the office of the BDO of the Lala Development Block.

The Commission also orders that as the SPIO in the office of the BDO, Lala Development Block has not submitted an explanation to the Commission as directed through the aforementioned hearing notice as to why penalty u/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 shall not be imposed on him for his failure to furnish the information to the Applicant within the stipulated period of 30 days, he will do so now within 15 days of receipt of this order.

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

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Sd/-  
Secretary & Registrar  
Assam State Information Commission

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Dtd. 30.11.2015

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1. The Block Development Officer, Lala Development Block, Dist. Hailakandi, Assam, PIN- 788164 for information and necessary action.
2. Md. Salim Udin Laskar, President, Bengali Student & Youth Forum Community, LA-6 Hailakandi, Vill- Kuchila, PO-Kuchila Bazar, Dist. Hailakandi, Assam, PIN- 788155 for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
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