



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

Case No. : KP (M).442/2013
Complainant/ Appellant : Sri Dulal Bora.
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o Director of Cultural Affairs, Assam
Rabindra Bhawan, Guwahati.
Date of hearing : 24.12.2015
Complaint/ Second Appeal heard by : Shri H.S. Das, IAS (Retd),
Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
24.12.2015

The petitioner/appellant Sri Dulal Bora is absent. He prayed for deferment of the hearing due to a bereavement in his family. However, the Public Authority is represented by the Deputy Director and SPIO, Cultural Affairs, Sri. Hiranya Kumar Bhuyan, the Second Appeal Petition dated 20.06.2013 is taken up for hearing ex-parte.

The Deputy Director and SPIO Sri Hiranya Kumar Bhuyan has made a written submission dated 22.12.2015 stating that the required information was furnished to the petitioner vide letter dated 14.05.2013. The SPIO has enclosed a copy of information that was furnished to the petitioner. The SPIO has further stated that he had not received the First Appeal Petition of the petitioner.

From perusal of the RTI petition dated 23.03.2013, it is seen that the petitioner wanted to know the following- i) contribution of different tribes of Assam to the cultural life of the state, mentioning the names of the tribes and their contributions, and their cultural dress traditions and ii) what have the Department of Cultural Affairs done for development of the cultural life of the state.

The Director of Cultural Affairs vide his letter dated 14.05.2013 informed the petitioner about the allotment of funds, expenditure and percentage of utilization for the period of 2006 -07 to 2013- 14. Regarding the cultural dresses of different tribes in Assam, the Director of Cultural Affairs referred to the publication (Book) - Textile Tradition of Assam: Collection of Purbajyoti Sangrahalaya.

Regarding the other information sought by the petitioner, this Commission is of the view that they are of very broad and general in nature covering all the developmental activities undertaken by the Department during the period 1st January' 2006 to 28th February' 2013.

When asked by the Commission, the SPIO mentioned that they are bringing out Annual Report detailing the activities of the Department and totaling them in the State Legislative Assembly.

The Commission therefore directs the second appellant/petitioner, Sri. Dulal Bora to collect copies of the administrative report of the Department for the relevant period on any working day during office hours, within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. The Commission also directs the SPIO to allow Sri Bora, the petitioner to inspect the relevant documents and office records if he needs further details. The RTI Applicant may also visit the Assam Institute of Research for Tribal and Schedule Caste for more information on the cultural contribution and tradition of different tribes of Assam.

With the above order the Second Appeal Petition 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

Copy to:

1. The SPIO and the Deputy Director in the office of the Director of Cultural Affairs, Assam Rabindra Bhawan, Guwahati, Assam, Pin- 781001 for information and necessary action..
2. The First Appellate Authority/The Commissioner of Cultural Affairs Department, Dispur, Guwahati, Pin- 781006 for information.
3. Sri Dulal Bora, Kainadhara Tiniali, House No. 118, Khanapara, Guwahati, Dist- Kamrup(M), Assam, Pin- 781022 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.

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