

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

Case No. : KP(M).310/2013

Complainant/ appellant : Shri Dulal Bora

Respondent : Education (Elementary) Department, Govt. of Assam

Date of hearing : 04. 1.2016

Complaint/ Second : Shri H.S. Das, IAS (Retd)

Appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R 04.1.2016

The Petitioner Shri Dulal Bora is present. The Public Authority is represented by Md. Abdur Razzaque, SPIO & Dy. DEE, Assam accompanied by (1) Shri Bharat Choudhury, ARO of office of the DEE, Assam, and (2) Shri Khagen Deka, Statistical Assistant of the same office. The Second Appeal petition dtd 6.6.13 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

From perusal of the case records it is seen that the applicant filed his RTI petition dtd 25.3.13 before the Commissioner, Elementary Education Department, Govt. of Assam. The SPIO of the office of the DEE, Assam stated that they received the RTI application on 5.4.13 by way of transfer from the Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Education (Elementary) Department. The first part of the RTI application sought information on the names of District Elementary Officers and their addresses with their Pin Code numbers.

This Commission is of the view that transfer of this part of the application to the DEEOs was not at all necessary, both on the part of the Commissioner & Secretary, Education (Ele) Department and the Director of Elementary Education, Assam, since both these authorities are not only expected to know names, addresses with Pin Codes of their District Elementary Education Officers, but are also mandatorily required to proactively disclose these information including uploading of the same in the departmental website u/s 4 of the RTI Act, 2005.

This Commission therefore, directs the SPIO of the office of the DEE, Assam to furnish the information to the applicant within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

This Commission also directs the Department of Education (Elementary), Government of Assam as well as the DEE, Assam to upload these information and other relevant information on their Websites within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.

As regards the second part of the RTI petition i.e. buying of a bus by the Directorate of Elementary Education, the SPIO produced copy of the letter dtd 12th July, 2013 addressed to the RTI applicant Shri Dulal Bora furnishing the required information, Shri Dulal Bora also admitted that he has since received the information. As such no further action is necessary on the second part of the application.

With the above order, the Second Appeal petition dtd 6.6.13 is disposed of.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-

Secretary & Registrar Assam State Information Commission

Memo No. KP(M).310/2013/

Dtd. 04.1.2016

Copy to:

- 1. The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Education Department, Dispur, Guwahati- 781 006 for information and necessary action.
- The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Education (Elementary) Department, Dispur, Guwahati- 781 006 for information and necessary action.
- 3. Director, Elementary Education, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19 for information and necessary action.
- 4. Shri Dulal Boara, Kainadhara Tiniali, House No. 118, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information.
- 5. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 6. Office File.

Secretary & Registrar
Assam State Information Commission