

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

Case No. : SNR. 30/2014

Complainant/ appellant : Smt. Basanti Guria Topno

Respondent : Joint Director of Health Services, Sonitpur

Date of hearing : 05. 1.2016

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

Appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R 05.1.2016

The Petitioner Smt. Basanti Guria Topno is absent without information. The Public Authority is represented by Shri Manash Jyoti Bordoloi, District Programme Manager, NRHM as authorized by the Jt. Director of Health Services, Sonitpur. In the absence of the petitioner the Second Appeal petition dtd 14.10.14 is taken up for hearing ex-parte.

From perusal of the case records it is seen that the applicant Smt. Basanti Guria Topno filed her RTI petition dtd 20.5.14 before the SPIO in the office of the Joint Director of Health Services, Sonitpur. Not getting any information within the stipulated time she filed a First Appeal petition dtd 25.8.14 before the Deputy Commissioner, Sonitpur. Apparently the First Appeal petition was filed after expiry of the time limit prescribed u/s 19 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005. Any way she filed the Second Appeal petition dtd 14.10.14 before this Commission after not getting any response from the office of the Jt. Director of Health Services, Sonitpur.

By her RTI petition dtd 25.10.14 the applicant sought information on implementation of NRHM scheme in Dibru Darrang Tea Garden Ltd., PO- Dhekiajuli on the basis of a MoU signed between the Dibru Darrang T.E. and the NRHM authority, Assam. The information sought for by her appears to be admissible under the RTI Act, 2005

The Joint Director of Health Services, Sonitpur has sent a written submission dtd 4.1.16 stating that delay in furnishing the information took place because of the failure of the Tea Estate authority to supply the information and also because there was no designated SPIO for NRHM activities at that time. Along with his written submission the Jt. Director of Health Services has sent a set of information which was sought for by the applicant.

This Commission directs the SPIO of the Jt. Director of Health Services, Sonitpur to send the set of information to the applicant by registered post within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. In case the applicant need any further clarification she may then be allowed to inspect relevant records and documents during office hours on any working day within another 30 days from the date of dispatch of information to her by register post. She may also be allowed to take notes and photocopies of additional documents free of cost up to 20 copies and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2.00 for each additional photocopy.

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

Memo No. KP(M). /2013/ Dtd. 05.1.2016

Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO & District Programme Manager, NRHM in the office of the Joint Director of Health Services, Dist. Sonitpur, Tezpur, Assam PIN-784001 for information and necessary action.
- 2. Smt. Basanti Guria Topno, C/O- Mr. Pawan Topno, Vill-Gharga, PO-Gharga, dist. Sonitpur, Assam, PIN- 784001 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

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