

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

Case No. : **SNR.41/2013**

Complainant/ appellant :Sri Gobinda Sitoula

Respondent :CEO, Zilla Parishad, Sonitpur

Date of hearing :21-12-2015

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

appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER

Sri Gobinda Sitoula is present along with Sri Sanjib Chetry, Bol Bahadur Chetri and Sri Bhojraj Kharka.

The public authority is represented by Sri Hemanta Kr.Bora, Executive Engineer, I/C, Sonitpur Zilla Parishad accompanied by one Sri Kiran Kardong, Accountant, Sonitpur Zilla Parishad.

The SPIO has made a written submission dated 20th December, 2015, which is entered into the case records.

The second appeal petition dated 30-9-2013 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

From perusal of the case records, it is seen that Sri Gobinda Sitoula submitted an RTI petition before the SPIO Sonitpur Zila Parishad seeking information of Helem (B) Zila Parishad Constituency – details of individual beneficiary schemes implemented in the 8 G.Ps of that constituency – details of list of beneficiaries and the benefits given to them for the period 2005 to February, 2013.

Another RTI application on the same date was filed by Sri Sanjib Chetri, seeking detailed information on the list of benefits and beneficiaries under the District Development Programme for the 8 G.Ps under Helem (B) Zila Parishad Constituency.

Sri Bhojraj Kharka filed another RTI application on the same date seeking some information under the TFC Scheme.

The fourth RTI application was filed by Sri Bol Bahadur Chetri on the same date i.e., 18-6-2013 seeking information on financial grant and other benefits distributed in kind under various schemes for sports and cultural development.

Since the information sought for by the petitioners relate to the same G.Ps of the same Zila Parishad Constitutencties, they are clubbed together and taken up for hearing.

It is also seen from the case records that the second appeal before this Commission has arisen after not getting any response to their RTI petitions and first appeal petitions. It is also clear from the case records and the depositions made by both the parties today before the Commission that the information sought for have not been furnished to the petitioners.

This Commission, therefore, directs the SPIO of Sonitpur Zila Parishad to allow all the 4 (four) RTI petitioners mentioned above to inspect the relevant office records and documents, during office hours, on any working day and allow them to take notes and photo copies of relevant documents sought for by them free of cost up to 50 copies each and thereafter, on payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional copy.

The process of inspection of documents, as directed above, shall be completed within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

This Commission also directs the SPIO of Sonitpur Zila Parishad to avoid such delay in furnishing the information under the RTI Act, 2005, in future.

With the above order the second appeal petition dated 30-9-2013 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. SNR.41/201 / -A

Dtd. 21-12-2015

Copy to:,

- 1. Sri Hemanta Kr.Bora, Executive Engineer, I/C, Sonitpur Zilla Parishad, Sonitpur for information and necessary action, as above.
- 2. Sri Gobinda Sitoula Vill-Bhelua Darga, P.O-Kauri Pathar, Sonitpur, Dist-Sonitpur, Assam, PIN-784170
- 3. Sri Sanjib Chetry, Vill-Bhelua Darga, P.O-Kauri Pathar, Sonitpur, Dist-Sonitpur, Assam, PIN-784170
- 4. Bol Bahadur Chetri Vill-Bhelua Darga, P.O-Kauri Pathar, Sonitpur, Dist-Sonitpur, Assam, PIN-784170
- 5. Sri Bhojraj Kharka Vill-Bhelua Darga, P.O-Kauri Pathar, Sonitpur, Dist-Sonitpur, Assam, PIN-784170
- 6. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
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