



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

Case No. : JRT.19/2014

Complainant/ appellant : Sri Bhuban Deori

Respondent : Director, WPT&BC

Date of hearing : 17-12-2015

Complaint/ Second appeal heard by : Shri H.S. Das, IAS (Retd)
Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R

The petitioner/ second appellant Sri Bhuban Deori is present. The public authority is represented by Sri Manash Das, SPIO and Deputy Director, of the Directorate of WPT&BC and (2) Sri Mohan Hazarika, Sr. Asstt of the office of the Directorate of WPT&BC.

The second appeal petition dated 3-3-2014 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

From perusal of the case records, it is seen that the petitioner filed an RTI petition dated 26-9-2013. The Deputy Director and SPIO has made a written submission dated 16th December, 2015 wherein it has been stated that the said RTI petition was received on 7-10-2013. Thereafter, due to the absence of the concerned dealing assistants for undergoing cancer treatment and transfers, the SPIO could not furnish the required information in time. The Commission observed that the SPIO of the Directorate of WPT&BC should have informed the petitioner about his difficulties within the stipulated period of 30 days.

The Commission, therefore, directs the then SPIO of WPT&BC Directorate to show cause as to why appropriate action shall not be taken against her under Section 20 of the RTI Act. **Her written statement to reach this Commission within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order. It shall be served through the Director on her.**

The present SPIO and Deputy Director Sri Manash Das has prayed for 45 days time to reply to the RTI petition.

From perusal of the RTI petition dated 26-9-2013 it is seen that the information sought for by the petitioner covers a number of areas and various aspects of the functioning of the Directorate of WPT&BC. In other words its scope is very broad. The RTI petition is not specific and concise with regard to the information sought for with reference to Section 2(f) and 2 (j) of the RTI Act, 2005,

In view of the above facts and circumstances of the case, the Commission directs the SPIO and the Deputy Director of the Directorate of WPT&BC to allow the petitioner/ appellant to inspect the relevant office records and documents , during office hours on any working day within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order and allow him to take notes and photo copies thereof, free of cost up to 100 copies and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional copy of documents, which are admissible within the meaning of Section 2(f) and Section 2 (j) of RTI Act, 2005. If any part of the information sought for by the petitioner cannot be furnished , then the SPIO will inform the petitioner the reasons therefor.

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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Secretary & Registrar
Assam State Information Commission

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1. Sri Manash Das, SPIO and Deputy Director, of the Directorate of WPT&BC for information and necessary action.
2. Sri Bhuban Deori, Vill- Major Deori, P.O-Major Deori, Dist- Jorhat for information and necessary action.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
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