



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

Case No. : **KP(M)655/2013**

Complainant/ appellant : **Sri Deben Saikia**

Respondent : **Chairman, Sadharan Jati Development Council**

Date of hearing : **14-12-2015**

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

O R D E R

The petitioner / appellant Sri Deben Saikia , President Sadharan Jati Yuba Chhatra Santha , Assam is again absent without any information. He was absent also at the time of hearing on the last dates i.e. on 1-10-2015 and 1-12-2015. The public authority is represented by (1) Smti Indrani Das Borgohain, ACS, Director, WPT&BC (2) Sri Manash Das, ACS, Dy. Director and SPIO, WPT&BC, (3) Sri Mohan Hazarika, Sr. Asstt. and (4) Sri Mitraddev Sarmah, Member, Sadharan Jati Development Council

In view of the repeated absence of the appellant at the time of hearing the matter is taken up for consideration ex-parte in the absence of the appellant.

The representative of Sadharan Jati Development Council, Assam Sri Mitraddev Sarmah, Member of the Council, who was authorized by Sri Prabhat Kalita, Chairman of the Council to appear before this Commission in today's hearing, deposed that the information sought for by Sri D.Saikia and others vide their RTI petition dated 10-4-2013 are yet to be furnished. He further submitted that due to non-existence of any supporting staff, the Council has not been able to do the needful to furnish the information. Sri Mitraddev Sarmah also submitted that during the years 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 the Council received Grants-in-aid from the State Govt. and the funds were utilized. The RTI petition pertains mainly to the list of beneficiaries under various schemes implemented by Sadharan Jati Unnayan Parishad for the above-mentioned financial years.

This Commission is of the view that notwithstanding the absence of any office staff the Sadharan Jati Development Council, Assam was able to receive funds from the Govt. for 3 successive years and utilize the same by selecting beneficiaries and disbursing the funds. The Sadharan Jati Development Council's contention that they cannot now give the list of beneficiaries is, therefore, not acceptable to this Commission.

The representative of Sadharan Jati Development Council has prayed for 45 days' time to furnish the required information to the petitioner Sri Deben Saikia.

This Commission allows 30 days time to the Council for furnishing the information to the petitioner Sri D. Saikia and report compliance to this Commission with information to the Director, WPT&BC.

Put up again for review of compliance

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

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2. Sri Mitradev Sarmah, Member, Sadharan Jati Development Council, for information and necessary action.
3. Sri Deben Saikia, President Sadharan Jati Yuba Chhatra Santha, Assam, Uzanbazar, M.C. Road, House No.45, Near Jyoti Gas Agency, Guwahati
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