

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

Case No. : SIC/NGN.51/2013

Appellant : Sri Kushal Bora.

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Child Development

Project Officer, Urban ICDS Project, Nagaon

Date of hearing : 21.01.2016

Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary

State Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R 21.01.2016

The Public Authority is represented by Sri Lakhi Prasad Bora, CDPO (ICDS Project) assisted by Sri Anupam Jyoti Saikia, Statistical Assistant (ICDS Project), Nagaon.

The Appellant present.

The Appellant has submitted that he has not received the information he had sought for inspite of the submission of the First Appeal dated 24/6/2013 to the District Social Welfare, Nagaon and subsequent to filing of the Second Appeal dated 5/8/2013. However, he had submitted that he had received a letter dated 7/8/2013 from the CDPO requesting him to deposit an amount of Rs.20,000/- as expenditure for photocopying.

Perused the Written Statements dated 20/1/2016 and 18/1/2016 respectively from DSWO, Nagaon/First Appellate Authority (FAA) and aforementioned CDPO, Nagaon through letter dated 3/6/2013 with the direction to provide the requisite information. It is seen that the W/S which has not mentioned as to what action has been taken to dispose of the First Appeal dated 24/6/2013 which he/she was required to do by the hearing notice of the Commission dated 8/1/2016. The CDPO has submitted through his W/S that he has not been able to locate the information relating to the instant RTI Application having joined after the date of filing of the said RTI Application and that he would require some more time to provide the information.

There is no evidence of the DSWO having disposed of the First Appeal as First Appellate Authority.

Perused the letter dated 7/8/2013 from the CDPO addressed to the Petitioner a copy of which was submitted by him during the hearing. It is seen that due care and attention have not been given to the issue of disposal of the RTI Application by the then CDPO which is evident from the wording of the latter and the manner in which the cost of photocopying has been determined and sought without detailed estimate.

After a careful consideration of the facts brought out above, the Commission hereby orders that the CDPO shall furnish the information to the Appellant, free of cost, within a period of 15 days of receipt of this order.

It is also ordered that the FAA/DSWO, Nagaon shall consider and dispose of the First Appeal dated 24/6/2013, with a speaking order, within a period of 21 days of receipt of this order.

With this, the Second Appeal Petition is disposed of.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

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Dy. Secretary & Dy. Registrar Assam State Information Commission

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- 1. The SPIO, Office of the Child Development Project Officer, Urban ICDS Project, Nagaon, P.O.- Nagaon, Assam, Pin- 782001 for information and necessary action.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority/ District Social Welfare Officer, Nagaon, P.O.- Nagaon, Assam, Pin- 782001 for information and necessary action.
- 3. Sri Kushal Bora, Vill- Gomotha Gaon, P.O.- Uriagaon, Dist- Nagaon, Assam, Pin- 782003 for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
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