

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

Case No. : SIC/TSK.17/2014

Complainant : Sri Sunil Chandra Debnath

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the WPT & BC Department, Govt. of Assam,

Assam Secretariat, Guwahati.

Date of hearing : 27.01.2016

Complaint heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,

State Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER

27.01.2016

The Public Authority is represented by Smt. Alaka Goswami, SPIO/Joint Secretary assisted by Smt. Purabi Das Kakoti, Senior Assistant, WPT & BC Depptt., Dispur, Assam.

The Complainant present.

The Complainant had filed the Complaint with the Commission dated 28/10/2013 on the ground that he had not received the information he had sought for through his RTI Application dated 12/8/2013 from the Commissioner and Secretary, Department of WPT & BC, Govt. of Assam.

Perused the Written Statement submitted by the said department dated 25/1/2016. It has been submitted that the said RTI Application had been transferred through a letter dated 22/8/2013 to the Directorate of WPT & BC, Assam for the reason that the latter held the information sought for. The SPIO further submitted that there was no information from the Directorate as to whether the information sought for has been provided to the Applicant.

The Complainant submitted that he has not received the information he had sought for, and that he was not aware of the transfer of case to the Directorate.

In view of the above, the Commission hereby orders that the SPIO, Directorate of WPT & BC, Assam shall furnish the information sought for by RTI Applicant, free of cost, within a period of 10 days of receipt of this order.

It is further ordered that the SPIO shall submit, within 15 days of receipt of this order, an explanation to the Commission as to why penalty shall not be imposed on him/her Under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 for his/her failure to furnish the information to the Applicant within the stipulated period of 30 days.

The Complainant is at liberty to file a First Appeal with the Directorate, WPT & BC, Assam, if he is not satisfied with the compliance of the SPIO with this order.

With this, the Complaint case is disposed of.

Sd/Pinuel Basumatary
State Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Secretary & Registrar Assam State Information Commission Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO in the Office of the WPT & BC Department, Govt. of Assam, Assam Secretariat, Dispur, Dist- Kamrup(M), Assam, Pin- 781006 for information and necessary action.
- 2. The SPIO in the Office of the Directorate of WPT & BC, Dispur, Dist- Kamrup(M), Assam, Pin-781006 for information and necessary action.
- 3. Shri Sunil Chandra Debnath, S/o- Late Lakhinder Debnath, Tiniali, Digboi, P.O.- Digboi, P.S.- Digboi, Dist- Tinsukia, Assam, Pin- 78617 1 for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5. Office File.

Secretary & Registrar Assam State Information Commission