

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

Case No. : KP(M).322 /2013

Complainant/ appellant : Shri Dulal Bora

Respondent : Director, secondary Education, Assam, Guwhati.

Date of hearing : 18. 2.2016

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

Appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 18.2.2016

The Public Authority is represented by Smt. Bhabani Kalita, Asstt. Director & ASPIO of the Directorate of Secondary Education, Assam accompanied by Jr. Assistant Shri Girish Kalita. The petitioner Shri Dulal Bora is absent. He sent a written prayer dtd 10.1.16 stating that due to some personal problems he will not be able to attend today's hearing. He prayed for fixation of another date for hearing after 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. However, in view of the large number of pending cases before this Commission, the Commission took up his Second Appeal petition dtd 6.6.13 for consideration on merit ex-parte in his absence.

From perusal of the case records it is seen that the petitioner Shri Dulal Bora filed an RTI application before the Directorate of Secondary Education, Assam on 1.4.13 seeking information about – (a) the names of B.Ed Teachers, the schools in which they are working with names of the districts, and from which institution they took the B.Ed degrees, and (b) how many Headmasters and Assistant Teachers were recruited during the tenure of Shri B.L. Sarma as Director of Secondary Education, Assam mentioning the names of the schools along with the names of the Headmasters with B.Ed degrees.

The ASPIO and the Asstt. Director of the Secondary Education has sent a written submission dtd 17.2.16 stating that the information sought for had already been furnished to the petitioner vide Directorate's letter dtd 20.4.13. A copy of the letter dtd 20.4.13 addressed to Shri Dulal Bora has also been enclosed. It is mentioned in that letter that part (b) part of the information i.e. the select list of Headmaster and Asstt. Headmaster was furnished to the petitioner. For part (a) of the information, the petitioner was advised to approach all the Inspectors of Schools by separate RTI applications.

The second Appeal petition of the petitioner is based on two grounds – (a) he was not given any information within the stipulated period of 30 days and (b) information which

he received after filing of the First Appeal petition, does not address the points raised by him in his RTI petition and so he is not satisfied.

Since the Dy Director and SPIO Shri H.N. Sarma, AES wrote to Shri Dulal Bora, the petitioner on 20.4.13, within 30 days from the date of RTI application, which was 1.4.13, the first ground mentioned above does not seem to be tenable.

As regards the second ground, the petitioner has not specified why he is not satisfied. After going through the available records this Commission directs the Directorate of Secondary Education to transfer part (a) of the RTI application dtd 1.4.13 of the petitioner Shri Dulal Bora to the concerned Inspectors of Schools with an instruction to furnish the required information to the petitioner directly within 30 days from the date of receipt of instruction from the Directorate of Secondary Education, Assam.

As regards the part (b) of the RTI petition, this Commission directs the Director of Secondary Education, Assam to fix a date and give an opportunity to the petitioner for being heard and dispose of his First Appeal petition with a speaking order within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.

The petitioner will clearly specify before the FAA grounds of his dissatisfaction with the information already received by him in response to part (b) of his RTI petition.

With the above order the Second Appeal petition dtd 6.6.13 is disposed of.

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

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Sd/-Secretary & Registrar Assam Information Commission

Memo No. KP(M).322./2013/

Dtd. 18.2.2016

Copy to:

- 1. The Director, Secondary Education, Assam & First Appellate Authority, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19 for information and necessary action.
- 2. Shri Dulal Bora, Kainadhara, House No. 118, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information and necessary action.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

Secretary & Registrar Assam Information Commission