

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

Case No. : GLT.9/2014

Complainant/ appellant : Shri Atul Saikia

Respondent : Block Elementary Education Officer, Sarupathar

Date of hearing : 25. 1.2016

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

**O R D E R**

25.1.2016

The petitioner/appellant Shri Atul Saikia is absent without information. The Public Authority is represented by (1) Shri Kanakeswar Deka, Block Elementary Education Officer, Golaghat South Block, Sarupathar, and (2) Shri Sunendra Das, Sr. Assistant of the said Block.

It is seen that the RTI petition dtd 6.1.14 in Appeal Case No. SIC/GLT.10/2014 filed by Shri Anil Sarmah is identical with the RTI petition of the same date filed by Shri Atul Saikia. Both these cases are therefore clubbed together and taken up for hearing ex-parte in absence of the petitioners.

In his Second Appeal petition dtd 31.3.14 the Appellant Shri Anil Sarmah has requested this Commission to dispose of his appeal petition on merit as he is unable to attend today's hearing before this Commission due to old age.

The BEEO, Golaghat South Block, Sarupathar has made a written submission dtd 21.1.16 stating that the RTI application dtd 6.1.14 of Shri Anil Sarmah was received in the BEEO's office on 18.1.14 and the required information was furnished on 23.3.14. He has explained the delay beyond 30 days due to shortage of office staff as he had only one Senior Assistant and one Statistical Assistant against 245 nos of ME and MV School teachers. The BEEO has verbally submitted that he had no junior Assistant in his office. While taking note of a gross inadequate staff in the office of the BEEO, Golaghat South Block, the Commission directs the BEEO not to delay in furnishing information or give appropriate response to RTI application beyond 30 days in future.

The BEEO has enclosed copy of his letter dtd 23.4.14 addressed to the appellant Shri Anil Sarmah, wherein it has been clearly stated that no amount was deposited in his Bank Account. The then BEEO has also replied to other questions raised by the applicant except the list of teachers in whose favour the amount sanctioned by the government was disbursed by way of depositing them into GPF accounts. The BEEO also enclosed a copy of the Government sanction letter No. PMA.251/2009/Pt.I/368 dtd 20.3.2010 wherein it is clearly mentioned that the

sanctioned amount of Rs. 37,09,152.00 (Rupees thirty seven lakh nine thousand one hundred fifty two) only for payment of arrear salary in respect of 177 in-service teachers of Primary School teachers to be deposited into their GPF Accounts under BEEO Golaghat South Block. In his written submission dtd 21.1.16 the BEEO has stated that Shri Anil Sarmah retired on 31.3.09 and therefore his case is not covered under the sanction letter. The BEEO orally deposed the case of Shri Anil Sarmah is also exactly the same.

In view of the above, the Commission passes the following directions:

- (1) The BEEO will furnish, to both the appellants namely Shri Anil Sarmah and Shri Atul Saikia the list of the 177 LP School Teachers whose GPF accounts were credited mentioning the amount against each teacher in compliance with the Government's sanction letter dtd 20 March, 2010 mentioned above.
- (2) A copy of the letter No. BEEO/GLT-S/RTI/2014/338 dtd 23.4.14 addressed to Shri Anil Sarmah and also to Shri Atul Saikia be furnished to them.

With the above order the Second Appeal petitions in both the appeal cases No SIC/GLT.9/14 and SIC/GLT.10/14 are disposed of.

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

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Secretary & Registrar  
Assam State Information Commission

Memo No. GLT.9 /2014/

Dtd. 25.1.2016

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1. The Block Elementary Education Officer, Golaghat South Block, Sarupapthar, Dist. Golaghat, Assam, PIN-785621 for information and necessary action.
2. Shri Atul Saikia, Vill- Betonipather, PO- Naojan, Dist. Golaghat, Assam, PIN-785604 for information.
3. Shri Anil Sarmah, Vill- Vill- Boruabamun Gaon, Dergaon, PO- Naojan, Disit. Golaghat, Assam, PIN-785604 for information
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.

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