

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

Case No. : JRT.32/2013

Complainant/ appellant : Shri Hemanta Saikia

Respondent : Joint Director of Health Services, Jorhat

Date of hearing : 25. 1.2016

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

Appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER

25.1.2016

The petitioner Shri Hemanta Saikia is present. The Joint Director of Health Services, Jorhat has sent a written submission dtd 25.1.16 stating that due to conjunctivitis of eye he was not in a position to attend today's hearing. He has deputed Md. Abdur Rahim, Dist. Malaria Officer, Jorhat to represent him with the available documents.

Earlier vide letter dtd 4.1.16 the Joint Director of Health Services, Jorhat submitted that the required information is available in his office. He also mentioned that in response to the petitioner's RTI application dtd 21.6.13, the petitioner Shri Hemanta Saikia was informed vide letter dtd 18.7.13, i.e. within 30 days of the date of receipt of the RTI application – the position against every point of the RTI application. The petitioner was also informed to deposit Rs. 3,528.00 against point No. 5. The Joint Director's plea is that the photocopy of the required documents could not be furnished due to non-deposit of the required cost. The petitioner's plea is that he is not required to pay cost as he belongs to BPL category. When the Commission asked the petitioner if he would like to inspect the documents, he deposed that he already inspected the said documents and found them to be incorrect. He insisted on getting photocopies of the documents sought for by him as he is a person belonging to BPL category.

In view of the above and considering the request of Joint Director, Health Services, Jorhat to fix another date for his personal appearance, this Commission fixes 11.00 AM on 24.2.2016 for next hearing.

The Joint Director, Health Services, Jorhat will bring with him the documents, including the list of BPL beneficiaries with address and signed actual payee's receipts, especially with regard to distribution of free spectacles, and copy of notice inviting enders which was displayed in office notice board, which he has stated to be available with him but could not furnished due to non-deposit of required cost by the petitioner with reference to point No. 2 of the RTI application.

The petitioner will also bring with him conclusive proof that he belongs to BPL category.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Secretary & Registrar Assam State Information Commission

Memo No. JRT.32 /2013/

Dtd. 25.1.2016

Copy to:

- 1. The Joint Director, Health Services, Jorhat, Assam, PIN-785 001 for information and necessary action.
- 2. Shri Hemanta Saikia, Barigaon, Khujuriguri, dist. Jorhat, Assam, PIN-785001 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

Secretary & Registrar
Assam State Information Commission