

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

Case No. : SIC/CCR.89/2013  
Appellant : Sri Jitendra Kr Singha  
Respondent : The SPIO, Office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, Silchar  
Electrical Sub-Division-III , Silchar  
Date of hearing : 18.02.2016  
Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
18.02.2016

The Appellant present with his assistant.

The SPIO absent without information.

The SPIO has not submitted any Written Statement on the status of furnishing of information which was sought for by the Commission through its hearing notice dated 06.02.2016. The SPIO has also not submitted any explanation 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 First Appellate Authority (FAA)/Chief General Manager (C), APDCL, Guwahati has not apprised the Commission about the steps he had taken to dispose of the First Appeal dated 09.09.2013 either by a Written Submission/or by deputing his authorized representative to the hearing which he was directed to do through the said hearing notice of the Commission.

Heard the Appellant. It has been submitted that he was asked to attend the office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, Silchar Electrical Sub-Division-III, Silchar but instead of providing him with the information he had sought for, he was shown the entire records of the new electrical connections and asked to deposit the cost of photocopying. He added that the office was unable to show him the specific records relating to BPL connections.

In view of the facts brought out above, the Commission hereby orders the following-

1. The SPIO shall scrutinize the system of record keeping in his office and provide the Applicant with the information relating to BPL connections as sought for in the RTI Application dated 01.07.2013, free of cost, within a period of 10 days of receipt of this order.
2. The SPIO shall submit a written explanation to this Commission, within 15 days of receipt of this order, 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.
3. The FAA/Chief General Manager (C), APDCL, Guwahati shall consider and dispose of the First Appeal dated 09.09.2013, with a speaking order, within a period of 21 days of receipt of this order.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary  
State Information Commissioner, Assam  
Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-

Dy. Secretary & Dy. Registrar  
Assam State Information Commission

Copy to:

1. The SPIO, Office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, Silchar Electrical Sub-Division-III, PO-Itkhola, Silchar, Dist- Cachar, Assam, Pin- 788002 for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/Chief General Manager (C), Assam Power Distribution Company Limited, Bijulee Bhawan, paltan bazaar, Guwahati, Pin- 781008 for information and necessary action.
3. Sri Jitendra Kr. Singha, President, Bornali field Management Committee, Vill- Algapur, P.O.-Rajnagar, Dist- Cachar, Assam, Pin- 788026 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.

Dy. Secretary & Dy. Registrar  
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