



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

Case No. : **KP(M).92/2015**

Complainant/ appellant : **Sri Lachit Barman**

Respondent : **Additional Director, Soil Conservation, KAAC, Diphu**

Date of hearing : **25-02-2016**

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

O R D E R

The petitioner Sri Lachit Barman is present. The public authority is represented by Sri Gautam Kr. Barman, Divisional Officer, Haflong Soil Conservation Division accompanied by Sri Siba Kanta Sarma, Soil Conservation Officer.

The appeal petition dated 14-2-2015 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

From perusal of the case records it is seen that vide his RTI petition dated 1-7-2014, submitted before the PIO of Soil Conservation Department, Assam, the petitioner wanted a wide range of information in respect of Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao District. The PIO of Soil Conservation Department transferred the RTI petition to the Additional Director, Soil Conservation Department to Dima Hasao District, Haflong on 5-7-2014. The petitioner has submitted that he has already received the required information with regard to Karbi Anglong district. He is now in need of the information in respect of Dima Hasao district.

The Divisional Officer, Soil Conservation Division, Haflong has made a written submission dated 23-2-2016, which is entered into the case records. The Divisional Officer has stated that he had already furnished the sought for information to the petitioner vide his letter dated 21-2-2015, - except for (1) cash book and measurement books for the period up to October, 2010, as they are with the CBI and (2) vouchers, receipts, bills etc. which have already been sent to Accountant General, Assam. The Divisional Officer also mentioned that it will be difficult for him and will take about 2 months' time to compile with the remaining information, as he is busy with preparation of NRC. This Commission observes that laborious compilation of data to generate the sought for information is not obligatory on the part of the public authority.

The petitioner has submitted that he is not satisfied also with the information already furnished to him.

In view of the above, and in view of the fact that the custodian of the information sought for is with the Divisional Officer, Soil Conservation Division, Haflong, this Commission directs the Divisional Officer to allow the petitioner to inspect all available documents during office hours on any working day within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order and allow him to take notes and also photo copies of documents, free of cost up to 50 copies and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional page of photo copy.

Any information that the Divisional Officer cannot furnish, he will inform the reason thereof to the petitioner.

With the above order, the second appeal petition dated 14-2-2015 is disposed of.

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

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**Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission**

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Dtd. 25-2-2016

Copy to:,

1. Sri Gautam Kr. Barman, Divisional Officer, Haflong Soil Conservation Division, Assam, for information and necessary action.
2. Sri Lachit Barman, Sadin, Assam Pratidin Building, M.R.D road, Chandmari, Guwahati-3 for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.

**Secretary & Registrar
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