

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

| Case No.                          | : LPR.19/2014   |
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| Complainant/ appellant            | : Ripon Hazarika  |
| Respondent                        | : Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur                                      |
| Date of hearing                   | : 15-02-2016  |
| Complaint/ Second appeal heard by | : Shri H.S. Das, IAS ( Retd)<br>Chief Information Commissioner, Assam |

## <u>ORDER</u>

The petitioner Sri Ripon Hazarika is present along with one Sri Bhaben Saikia, who has been authorized by the other applicant Sri Bhaben Bora to appear in today's hearing on his behalf. The public authority is represented by Sri Gautam Kr. Saikia, Secrtary, Jagriti Sanmilita Unnayan Kendra accompanied by Sri Dharmendra Hazarika, Executive President, Jagriti Sanmilita Unnayan Kendra.

The second appeal petition dated 13-9-2014 is taken up for consideration in presence of both the parties.

From perusal of the case records it is seen that the petitioners Sri Ripon Hazarika, Sri Bipul Hazarika and Sri Bhaben Bora filed their RTI petition dated 5-6-2014 before the SPIO and Addl. Deputy Commissioner of Lakhimpur district. The petition was transferred by the Deputy Commissioner's office to the President and Secretary, Jagriti Sanmilita Unnayan Kendra, Lakhimpur vide letter dated 9-6-2014. The first appeal petition dated 14-7-2014 was also transferred to the Jagriti Sanmilita Unnayan Kendra ,with a request to furnish the information sought for by the petitioners directly to them vide letter dated 15-7-2014. The SPIO of Deputy Commissioner's Office, Lakhimpur has submitted a written submission dated 9-2-2016 narrating the above actions taken by them. The Secretary of Jagriti Sanmilita Unnayan Kendra deposed before this Commission that their organization is an NGO, registered as a Society under the Societies' Act, 1860. They have been receiving financial assistance from Govt. of India as well as from Govt. of Assam to implement various developmental programmes. He further submitted that an administrative investigation on the activities of the NGO was ordered by the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur, which has since been completed. Therefore, he was not in a position to compile and furnish the information sought for by the petitioners on the basis of records available in the NGO's office. He has sought for one month's time for the purpose.

From perusal of the RTI petition dated 5-6-2014 it is seen that the informations sought for are admissible under the RTI Act.

This Commission, therefore, directs the Secretary of the NGO to furnish the information to the petitioners within 30 days from the date of this order.

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

Authenticated true copy. Sd/-

Secretary & Registrar Assam State Information Commission Copy to:,

- 1. Sri Gautam Kr. Saikia, Secrtary, Jagriti Sanmilita Unnayan Kendra, Lakhimpur for information and necessary action.
- 2. Sri Ripon Hazarika, Bongalmaram, P. O. Islamgaon, Dist- Lakhimpur, Assam for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

Secretary & Registrar Assam State Information Commission