

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

Case No. : SIC/DHR.82/2013 Appellant : Md. Amirul Islam.

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Child Development Project Officer

(CDPO), Birsing Jarua ICDS Project, Dhubri

Date of hearing : 16.03.2016

Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,

State Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 16.03.2016

Sri Nurul Islam Mondol, Statistical Assistant, Birsing Jarua ICDS Project, Dhubri present along with a Written Statement dated 16.03.2016 from the i/c CDPO, Birsing Jarua ICDS Project, Dhubri.

Appellant present with an assistant Shri Nazimul Hoque. His assistant is granted.

Perused the case records. The Second Appeal dated 04.12.2013 was filed with the Commission after the Appellant failed to receive the information in response to his Application dated 08.06.2013 and his First Appeal dated 26.08.2013 both of which were submitted to SPIO, office of the D.C., Dhubri. It is seen that the D.C., Dhubri had transferred the Application to the SPIO, office of the CDPO, Birsing Jarua ICDS Project, Dhubri through letter dated 09.07.2013.

Perused the aforementioned W/S. It has been submitted that the case records could not be traced in his office but on the basis of the copy of the Application and Appeal forwarded by the Commission, the claim of the Appellant of being BPL card holder was verified and it was found that his name was not in the card whose number he had quoted, namely BPL ID no. 8635. The CDPO has sought for some time to provide the information after settling the issue of the cost of photocopying. Deposing before the Commission, the CDPO informed that he and his staff were engaged in NRC and Assembly Election duty. It has also been submitted that much of the queries were sweeping in nature and not specific about the schemes on which information was sought and that the documents whose copies have to be provided to the Appellant are voluminous and the cost involved will therefore be substantial.

Deposing before the Commission, the Appellant confirmed that he was yet to receive the information he had sought for. Regarding the BPL status, it was submitted that although his name did not appear in the card, he was a member of the family.

In view of the facts brought out above, the Commission hereby orders that the Appellant/Applicant shall visit the office of the SPIO with an advance notice within 1 (one) week, inspect the documents, take notes and submit a request for copies of specific documents that are required. Upon receipt of the requisition from the Appellant, the SPIO shall provide certified photocopies of documents, free of cost, upto 25 pages/copies and communicate the amount of cost of photocopying of the rest of the copies for Appellant to deposit, within 1 (one) week. The SPIO shall provide the certified photocopies of such documents within 10 days of receipt of the cost from the Applicant/Appellant.

With this, the Second Appeal Petition is disposed of.

Sd/-Pinuel Basumatary State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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Sd/-Deputy Registrar Assam Information Commission

Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO, Office of the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), Birsing Jarua ICDS Project, PO-Birsing Jarua, Dist-Dhubri, Assam, Pin-783339 for information.
- 2. Md. Amirul Islam, S/o- Abbas Ali, Vill- Boalkamari Part-I, P.O.- Boalkamari, Dist- Dhubri, Assam, Pin- 783348 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

Deputy Registrar Assam Information Commission