



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

Case No. : SIC/BNG.22/2014  
Appellant : Md. Mohibul Hoque  
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Project Director, DRDA, Goalpara  
Date of hearing : 18.03.2016  
Second Appeal heard by : Smt. Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS (Retd.)  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**

18.03.2016

The Appellant and the Public Authority are absent.

In view of large number of cases pending before this Commission, the Second Appeal Petition dated 27.12.2013 is taken up for consideration on merit, *ex-parte* in absence of both the parties.

On perusal of the case records, it appears that Md. Mohibul Hoque filed an RTI Petition dated 17.06.2013 before the SPIO, SDO (C), North Salmara, Abhayapuri seeking for (i) photocopy of the joining report of Sri Nirmal Ch. Nath, Project Officer, (Tech.) in the office of DRDA, (ii) whether Sri Nirmal Ch. Nath had been engaged in the Zilla Parishad, Goalpara as APO (Tech.), if so, to furnish the copy of the approval letter.

The said Application was transferred to the SPIO, office of the Project Director, DRDA, Goalpara vide letter dated 18.06.2013. The APO & SPIO, DRDA, Goalpara informed that the required information could not be provided u/s 8 (1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005 vide letter dated 12.07.2013.

It is also seen that the Appellant had filed the First Appeal Petition dated 14.08.2013 to the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara against the order of the PIO, DRDA Goalpara dated 12.07.2013 and the Second Appeal before the Director, P & RD, Panjabari vide letter dated 05.10.2013.

He has however filed the Second Appeal Petition before the Commission dated 27.12.2013 stating that the First Appeal had not been disposed and that the Second Appeal was filed wrongly before the Director, P & RD, Assam.

On perusal of the Appeal Petition, it appears that the contention of the APO & PIO, Goalpara that the information could not be provided u/s 8 (1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005 is not tenable. The document sought for by the Appellant the photocopy of joining report in the office of D.R.D.A. and whether he had been engaged in Zilla Parishad, Goalpara are official information and in no way personal information.

The Commission therefore, directs the SPIO to furnish the information sought for within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order by registered post.

With the above order, the Second Appeal Petition is disposed of.

Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS (Retd.)  
State Information Commissioner, Assam  
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Deputy Registrar

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Dtd. 18.03.2016

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1. The SPIO, Office of the Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Goalpara, Assam for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Goalpara, Assam for information.
3. Md. Mohibul Hoque, Ward no. IV, PO- Abhayapuri, Dist- Bongaigaon, Assam, Pin- 783384 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.

Deputy Registrar  
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