

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

Case No. : **DMJ. 8/2014**

Complainant/ appellant :Sri Dhiraj Miri

Respondent :BDO, Murkongselek, Jonai

Date of hearing :15-03-2016

Complaint/ Second : Shri H.S. Das, IAS (Retd)

appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER

The petitioner Sri Dhiraj Miri is present accompanied by one Sri Nripen Bhitorual Konwar.

The public authority is absent without information. The second appeal petition dated 29-1-2014 is taken up for consideration ex-parte in the absence of the public authority.

From perusal of the case records, it is seen that the petitioner Sri Dhiraj Miri filed an RTI petition dated 26-6-2013 before the Murkongselek BDO, which was received by the BDO in his office on 29-6-2013,

Vide his RTI petition the petitioner wanted information about the funds received by Chileng Gaon Panchayat and developmental activities that were undertaken since 2008 till the date of the RTI application.

The information sought for by him was divided into 4 (four) categories. The information is admissible under the RTI Act, 2005.

It is seen from the case records that the Secretary of Chileng G.P vide his letter dated 26-8-2013 informed the petitioner that he received the RTI petition dated 29-6-2013 on 11-7-2013 from the office of BDO, followed by another letter dated 16-8-2013 from the BDO.

The Secretary of the G.P. has mentioned that he had written to the BDO on 18-7-2013 informing him about the required cost for furnishing the sought for information. But there is no mention about the amount. In any case, it is seen that the BDO as well as the Secretary of the concerned G.P failed to furnish the sought for information to the petitioner within the stipulated time.

This Commission, therefore, directs the BDO of Murkongselek Development Block to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant records and documents and allow him to take notes and photo copies of the sought for documents free of cost up to 100 copies and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional page of photo copy. Before inspection of documents, the applicant will give at least two days' notice.

This Commission also directs the BDO to ensure that the Secretary Chileng G.P remains present in the BDO's office with all relevant documents at his custody on the date of inspection of documents, as directed above. In case of any complaint, the petitioners will be at liberty to approach this Commission for further necessary action , including penal action.

With the above order the second appeal petition dated 29-1-2014 is disposed of

Sd/-

(H. S. Das) Chief Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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Dated. 15-3-2016

- 1. SPIO, of the office of BDO, Murkongselek , Jonai for information and necessary action.
- 2. Sri Dhiraj Miri , President, Assam Jatiyatabaqdi Yuva Chatra Parishad, Jonai Anchalik Committee, Jonai for information and necessary action.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

Registrar Assam Information Commission