

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

Case No. : SIC/NGN.5/2014

Complainant : Sri Raj Kumar Chauhan Respondent : The SPIO, Office of the

B.D.O., Howraghat Development Block, Karbi Anglong
 B.D.O., Rongkhang Development Block, Karbi Anglong

Date of hearing : 07.04.2016

Complaint heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,

State Information Commissioner, Assam

## ORDER 07.04.2016

The Public Authority is represented by i) Sri Matiram Rabha, SPIO, PD, DRDA, Karbi Anglong, ii) Sri Sarat Nath, representative of the B.D.O., Howraghat Development Block and iii) Sri Suprakash Dutta, representative of the B.D.O., Rongkhang Development Block. Written Statement dated 05.04.2016 from the PD, DRDA, Karbi Anglong and one dated 01.04.2016 from B.D.O., Howraghat Development Block received which are taken on record.

The Petitioner has sent an email today submitting that he was not in a position to attend today's hearing on account of illness in his family and praying for fixing another date.

However, considering that the SPIO from PD, DRDA, Karbi Anglong and representatives from the office of the two concerned B.D.O.s are present in the hearing and that they have submitted Written Statements, the Commission has decided to go ahead with the hearing.

Perused the case records. It is seen that two RTI Applications by Sri Raj Kumar Chauhan both dated 04.09.2013 had been submitted to Deputy Commissioner, Karbi Anglong seeking information pertaining to Rongkhang Development Block and Howraghat Development Block respectively. It appears that the Application had been forwarded by the D.C., Karbi Anglong to Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council who in turn transferred the same to PD, DRDA, Karbi Anglong.

Perused the W/S of the PD, DRDA. It has been submitted that he had not received the First Appeal, therefore, no action had been taken for disposing of the same. He has however, deputed the SPIO of his office to represent in today's hearing.

Perused the W/S of the B.D.O., Howraghat Development Block. It has been submitted that the RTI Application had not been received in the office and that after receiving the notice from the Commission and the copy of the Complaint, the information and related documents has been readied for furnishing to the RTI Applicant. A set of documents have been enclosed with the W/S.

The representative from the Rongkhang Development Block submitted that they had received the Commission's notice only yesterday and therefore could not prepare the information to be provided to the Applicant and has prayed for 10 days' time for doing the needful. In course of the hearing, a W/S dated 07.04.2016 was received from B.D.O., Rongkhang Development Block which is taken on record. The Submission of the W/S is on the lines of the deposition made by the representative of the B.D.O.

In view of the facts brought out above, the Commission hereby orders as follows:-

- i) The SPIO, office of the B.D.O., Howraghat Development Block shall furnish the information sought for by the Applicant by post within a period of 7 days of receipt of this order;
- ii) The SPIO, office of the B.D.O., Rongkhang Development Block shall furnish the information sought for by the Applicant as regards that block within a period of 10 days of receipt of this order;
- iii) PD, DRDA, Karbi Anglong as First Appellate Authority shall consider and dispose of the First Appeal dated 01.11.2013 of the Applicant, with a speaking order, within a period of 21 days of receipt of this order.

Send a copy each of the two RTI Applications and the First Appeal to the SPIO, PD, DRDA, Karbi Anglong.

With this order, the Complaint case is disposed of.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-

Registrar

**Assam Information Commission** 

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Dtd. 07.04.2016

Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO in the office of the Block Development Officer, Howraghat Development Block, PO-Howraghat, Dist-Karbi Anglong, Assam, Pin- 782481 for information and necessary action.
- 2. The SPIO in the office of the Block Development Officer, Rongkhang Development Block, PO-Rongkhang, Dist-Karbi Anglong, Assam, Pin- 782486 for information and necessary action
- 3. The First Appellate Authority/Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, PO- Diphu, Dist-Karbi Anglong, Assam, Pin- 782462 for information and necessary action.
- 4. Sri Raj Kumar Chauhan, Vill- Utar Bidya Nagar, PO/PS- Hojai, Dist- Nagaon, Assam, Pin-782435 for information.
- 5. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 6. Office File.

Registrar Assam Information Commission