

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

Case No. : KP(M).316 /2014

Complainant/ appellant : Shri Dulal Bora

Respondent : Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of

Assam

Date of hearing : 18.4.2016

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

Appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 18.4.2016

The petitioner Shri Dulal Bora is absent without information. The Public Authority is represented by (1) Shri P.R. Khound, Jt. Secretary, Health & Famaily Welfare Department, Dispur, (2) Dr. Bobjeet Goswami, Addl. Supdt. & SPIO of Jorhat Medical College, Jorhat, (3) Shri Utpal Bhuyan, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Health & F.W. Department, and (4) Dr. B.P. Chakravorty, OSD, SPIO, DME, Assam. The Second Appeal petition dtd 17.12.13 is taken up for hearing ex-parte in absence of the petitioner.

From perusal of the case records it is seen that the petitioner Shri Dulal Bora filed an RTI petition dtd 12.8.13 before the Commissioner & Secretary of Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Assam. He wanted to know in detail, funds received by Dr. Dhrubajyoti Bora during his tenure as Superintendent of Jorhat Medical College & Hospital from the Govt. of Assam. He also wanted information on utilization of the said funds against various works. Further, he wanted details of advertisements issued in connection with construction of Jorhat Medical college during the tenure of Dr. Dhrubajyoti Bora as Superintendent of the Jorhat Medical College. Lastly, the petitioner wanted the names of persons and firms who were given work orders during the tenure of Dr. Dhrubajyoti Bora as Supdt of Jorhat Medical College.

Not getting any information in response to his RTI petition, the petitioner filed First Appeal Petition dtd 21.9.13 before the Commissioner & Secretary, Health & F.W. Department, Govt. of Assam followed by Second Appeal Petition dtd 17.12.13 before this Commission.

The SPIO of Health & F.W. Deptt. submitted that the RTI petition was transferred to the Director of Medical Education, Assam and to the principal- cum -Chief Superintendent of Jorhat Medical College. He further submitted that the RTI petition is not entirely correct because Dr. Dhrubajyoti Bora was Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent of Jorhat Medical College, and not Superintendent of the Medical College, as mentioned by the petitioner in his RTI petition.

In any case, the SPIO of Jorhat Medical College and Hospital has made a written submission dtd 11.4.16 before this Commission. Along with his written statement he has enclosed part of the sought for information giving details of funds received by the Jorhat Medical College during the tenure of Dr. Dhrubajyoti Bora as Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent indicating the amount of expenditure incurred against the funds received. He has also mentioned that the then NRHM and now NHM is the implementing agency for construction of Jorhat Medical College. Therefore, information relating to advertisements and works orders, etc, can be furnished by the NHM.

In view of the above, this Commission directs the SPIO and Addl. Superintendent of Jorhat Medical College to furnish the information available with him to the petitioner within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. For the remaining part of the information sought for he is directed to transfer the RTI petition to the NHM and CEO, NHM is directed to furnish the information in respect of advertisement issued, and names of firms who were given work orders to the petitioner within 15 days from the date of receipt of the RTI application as transferred by the SPIO of Jorhat Medical college.

With the above order the Second Appeal petition dtd 17.12.13 is disposed of.

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

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Sd/-Registrar Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 18.4.2016

- Copy to: 1. The SPIO of Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for information.
 - 2. The Addl. Superintendent & SPIO of Jorhat Medical College & Hospital, Jorhat, Assam for information and necessary action.
 - 3. The Chief Executive Officer, National Health Mission, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information & necessary action.
 - 4. Shri Dulal Bora, Kainadhara, House No. 118, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information.
 - 5. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
 - 6. Office File.

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