



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

Case No. : SIC/DHR.53/2013  
Appellant : Sri Bahar Munshi.  
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Superintendent, Food, Civil Supplies &  
Consumer Affairs, Bilasipara, Dhubri  
Date of hearing : 18.04.2016  
Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
18.04.2016

The Appellant present.

The SPIO is absent without any information. The SPIO has not submitted a Written Statement indicating the status of furnishing of the information which is sought for by the Commission through its hearing notice dated 30.03.2016. Further, the SPIO has not submitted any explanation as to why penalty Under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 shall not be imposed on him/her for his/her failure to furnish the information to the Applicant within the stipulated period of 30 days.

The First Appellate Authority/S.D.O. (Civil), Bilasipara has not apprised the Commission about the steps he/she has taken to dispose of the First Appeal in time either a Written Submission/or by deputing his authorized representative in today's hearing.

Deposing before the Commission, the Appellant has submitted that he is yet to receive the information he had sought for.

Perused the case record. It is seen that the RTI Application was very lengthy and information has been sought for a period as far back as 1993. It is likely that considerable resources would have to be deployed by the SPIO to gather the information and some of the information may have lost its relevance owing to passage of time. On these possibilities being pointed out to him, the Appellant submitted that he would be satisfied if information on items 2 to 5, 8, 9, 12 and 13 is provided to him.

In view of the facts stated above, the Commission hereby orders as follows –

1. The SPIO, office of the Superintendent, F.C.S. & C.A., Bilasipara shall furnish the information as sought for by the Applicant/Appellant, particularly on items 2 to 5, 8, 9, 12 and 13, free of cost, and provide an explanation relating to those item on which information is not possible to be provided, within a period of 10 days of receipt of this order;
2. The SPIO shall submit a written explanation to this Commission, within 15 days of receipt of this order, as to why penalty shall not be imposed on him/her under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 for his/her failure to furnish the information to the Applicant within the stipulated period of 30 days; and
3. The FAA/S.D.O. (Civil), Bilasipara shall consider and dispose of the First Appeal dated 18.06.2013, with a speaking order, within a period of 21 days of receipt of this order.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary  
State Information Commissioner, Assam  
Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-  
Deputy Registrar  
Assam Information Commission

Copy to:

1. The SPIO, office of the Superintendent, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Bilasipara, Dhubri, Dist- Dhubri, Assam, Pin-7833348 for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil), Bilasipara, Dhubri, Dist-Dhubri, Assam, Pin- 783348 for information and necessary action.
3. Sri Bahar Munshi, S/o- Pamor Ali Tarafdar, Vill- Kathaldhi Pt.I, P.O.- Bilasipara, Dist- Dhubri, Assam, Pin- 783378 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.

Deputy Registrar  
Assam Information Commission