



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

Case No. : SIC/GLP.36/2011
Complainant : Md. Sofiz Uddin Talukdar
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Block Development Officer,
Jaleswar Development Block, Goalpara
Date of hearing : 22.04.2016
Complaint heard by : Smt. Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS (Retd.)
State Information Commissioner, Assam

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22.04.2016

Both parties are absent. However, in view of the large number of cases pending with the Commission, it is decided to take up the matter based on records available.

From perusal of the case record, it appears that the RTI application dated 19.07.2011 was filed by the petitioner Sri Sofiz Uddin Talukdar before the PD, DRDA, Goalpara for information on list of BPL under Jaleswar GP for the year 2010-11 along with IAY houses sanctioned with list of beneficiaries etc. The RTI application was transferred to the BDO, Jaleswar Development Block on 25.07.2011 to provide the required information to the applicant. The applicant filed a Complaint petition before the D.C., Goalpara on 14.09.2011 that he had not received the information till date.

The appellant filed a Complaint petition before the Commission on 15.06.2012 for non-receipt of information from the BDO, Jaleswar Development Block as well as SPIO/Assistant Project Officer, PD, DRDA, Goalpara. The Commission directed the PD, DRDA, Goalpara to dispose of the appeal petition within 30 days from the date of receipt of the order vide letter dated 02.02.2012. The Commission in enclosing a copy of the complaint dated 15.06.2012 sought for information from the SPIO, office of the BDO, Jaleswar Development Block to indicate exact date of receipt of RTI application and date of furnishing of information, if any and also to explain as to why penalty under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 shall not be imposed on him for his/her failure to furnish the information within the stipulated period of 30 days. His/her written reply was to be submitted to the Commission before the next date of hearing fixed on 22.03.2016. It was also stated that if the information sought for had already been furnished by the Public Authority and received by the applicant to his satisfaction then the petitioner and the concerned SPIO need not come for hearing instead they may separately or jointly inform the Commission accordingly in writing on or before the date of hearing either by fax or email so that the matter may be closed. However, since both the parties were absent and no W/S had been received, notice was issued for re-fixing the date of hearing on 22.04.2016.

As the petitioner is absent without any information as well as the SPIO without submission of any written statement, it could not be ascertained whether the petitioner Md. Sofiz Uddin Talukdar had received the information sought for by him by the First Appellate Authority/PD, DRDA, Goalpara.

In view of the circumstances stated above, the SPIO, office of the BDO Jaleswar Development Block is directed to furnish the information to the petitioner within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order, if not already furnished.

With the above direction, the Complaint petition is disposed of.

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

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Deputy Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Copy to :

1. The SPIO, Office of the Block Development Officer, Jaleswar Development Block, Goalpara, P.O.- Jaleswar, Dist- Goalpara, Pin- 783132 for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Goalpara, P.O.- Goalpara, Dist- Goalpara, Pin- 783101 for information.
3. Md. Sofiz Uddin Talukdar, Vill- Banyagun, P.O.- Jaleswar, Dist- Goalpara, Pin- 783132 for information
4. Computer section.
5. Office file.

Deputy Registrar
Assam Information Commission