

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

Case No.	:KP(M)359/2014
Complainant/ appellant	:Sri Dulal Bora
Respondent	:Higher Education Department
Date of hearing	:28-04-2016
Complaint/ Second appeal heard by	: Shri H.S. Das, IAS (Retd) Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

<u>O R D E R</u>

The petitioner Sri Dulal Bora is present. The public authority is represented by (1) Smti Chinmoye Talukdar, SPIO and Deputy Director, Higher Education, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19 (2) Sri Nanda Ram Das, Sr. Administrative Assistant of the office of Director, Higher Education, Assam

The second appeal petition dated 19-12-2013 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties. It appears that the RTI petition was transferred by the Education Department to the Director of Technical Education, Govt. of Assam

It is seen from the case records that the petitioner Sri Dulal Bora, vide his RTI petition dated 2-8-2013 sought the following information from the Commissioner, Higher Education Department, Govt. of Assam :-

- (a) No. of ragging cases registered with the Commissioner, Higher Education in all the Educational Institutions of Assam during the period from 1st July, 2008 to 31st July, 2013, with district-wise break-up.
- (b) What steps the Heads of Educational Institutions took to prevent ragging and what actions have been taken against those Heads of Educational Institutions who failed to prevent ragging.

Vide letter No.DHE/RTI/144/2013/107 dated 27-4-2016 the Joint Secretary, Higher Education Department, Govt. of Assam had requested the Deputy Director, Higher Education to attend today's hearing.

The petitioner Sri Dulal Bora submitted and clarified that his RTI petition is with reference to Higher Educational Institutions, i.e., Colleges and Universities of all categories of General, Technical and Medical etc. with reference to the State Government's Legislation to prevent ragging in Institutions of Higher Educations. The representative of the Directorate of Technical Education as well as the SPIO of Directorate of Higher Education could not give any information to this Commission in this regard.

In view of the above, this Commission directs the Director of Technical Education to furnish the required information in respect of the Institutions of Higher Education for Technical Educations including Polytechnics to the petitioner within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order with reference to the State Govt. legislation for prevention of ragging.

He is further directed to transfer the RTI petition to the Director of Higher Education and the Director of Medical Education to furnish the required information to the petitioner, as above, within 30 days from the date of receipt of the transferred RTI petition.

This Commission also directs the SPIO of the Directorate of Technical Education to submit his written statement, explaining the reasons for his failure to furnish the sought for information to the petitioner for so long and also for his absence, without any information in today's hearing and why penal action under Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005 shall not be initiated against him. His written statement is to reach this Commission within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order..

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With the above orders, the second appeal petition dated 19-12-2013 is disposed

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

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Dtd. 28-4-2016

Copy to:

- 1. Smti Chinmoye Talukdar, SPIO and Deputy Director, Higher Education, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19 for information and necessary action, as above.
- 2. Sri Dulal Bora, Koinadhara Tiniali, House No- 118, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

Registrar Assam Information Commission