

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

Case No. : SIC/HLK.39/2015

Complainant : Md. Kabir Ahmed Mazumder

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Chief Executive Officer, Hailakandi

Zilla Parishad, Hailakandi

Date of hearing : 02.05.2016

Complaint heard by : Smt. Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS (Retd.)

State Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 02.05.2016

The petitioner Md. Kabir Ahmed Mazumder is absent without any information.

The First Appellate Authority is represented by Sri Pinak Pratim Das, SPIO, Zilla Parishad, Hailakandi to attend the hearing along with a detailed report dated 30.04.2016 regarding furnishing of information sought for by Md. Kabir Ahmed Mazumder vide RTI application dated 23.12.2014 and the SPIO has been asked to take the available records to the Commission on the date of hearing for handing over the same to the petitioner.

The First Appellate Authority has stated that as per record, the First Appeal had been acted upon and the SPIO concerned had already furnished the information vide letter dated 10.02.2015 and regarding the remaining records being voluminous, the petitioner had been requested to visit the office of the SPIO, Zilla Parishad, Hailakandi for inspecting/copying of the documents.

The SPIO vide his letter dated 30.04.2015 informed that the then SPIO had furnished part of the information to the petitioner vide letter dated 10.02.2015 requesting him to inspect the remaining documents on 17.02.2015 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at Hailakandi office. He also stated that on receipt of the notice dated 21.04.2016 and instruction of CEO, Zilla Parishad Hailakandi, he has furnished the relevant documents as sought for by the petitioner. He has however stated that details connecting papers consisting of M.B and M.R etc. could not be furnished as these were voluminous and the petitioner may be directed to visit office of the Zilla Parishad, Hailakandi in any working day for inspection/copying of documents.

The Commission observes that the information sought for by the petitioner in his RTI application dated 24.12.2013 involves huge volumes of information relating to several years from 2012-2015. The information sought for also relates to different categories. Furnishing of complete information will require compilation of information and huge expenditure in making photocopies. This will lead to a huge burden on the resources of the Public Authority concerned.

The Commission therefore, directs the petitioner to inspect the relevant documents in the office of the SPIO within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order and complete the inspection of documents within two working days during office hours.

The SPIO is also directed to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant office records as above and allow him to take notes and photocopies of the documents sought for free of cost up to 50 copies and thereafter payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional photocopy.

With the above direction and in view of the circumstances stated above, and the steps taken on the complaint petition dated 17.02.2015 by the First Appellate Authority and the SPIO for furnishing the information, the Complaint Petition, is disposed of.

Sd/-

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Deputy Registrar Assam Information Commission

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- 1. The SPIO, Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Hailakandi, Dist-Hailakandi, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority/ Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad,, Hailakandi, Dist-Hailakandi, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 3. Md. Kabir Ahmed Mazumder, S/o Islam Uddin Mazumder, Vill- Dudpur, PO- Vichingcha, Dist- Hailakandi, Assam for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5. Office File.

Deputy Registrar Assam Information Commission