

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

Case No. : SIC/HLK.47/2015
Complainant : Md. Joynul Haque Barbhuiya
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

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02.05.2016

The petitioner Md. Joynul Haque Barbhuiya is absent without any information.

The First Appellate Authority is represented by Sri Pinak Pratim Das, SPIO, Zilla Parishad, Hailakandi along with a detailed report dated 30.04.2016 regarding furnishing of information sought for by Md. Joynul Haque Barbhuiya vide RTI application dated 22.12.2014.

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

The SPIO vide his letter dated 30.04.2016 stated that on receipt of the notice dated 21.04.2016 and as per instruction of the CEO, Zilla Parishad, Hailakandi he had enclosed the documents to be furnished to the petitioner. However, connected papers consisting of M.B and M.R etc. could not be furnished as these were voluminous. The Petitioner may be requested to visit the office of the Zilla Parishad, Hailakandi in any working day for inspection/copying of the same. He also stated that he was designated as SPIO on 27.08.2015 and soon after receiving the letter under reference he had taken steps for furnishing the information. He requested to exonerate him from the charges of non-furnishing of information.

The Commission observes that information sought for by the petitioner through his RTI application dated 22.12.2014 will require compilation of huge volumes of information from 2013-15 and will involve 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, CEO, Zilla Parishad, Hailakandi 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. Joynul Haque Barbhuiya, Publicity Secretary, Barak Yubo Parishad, S/o Late Monir Uddin Barbhuiya, Vill/PO- Nischintapur Part-I, Dist- Hailakandi, Assam, Pin- 788164 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.

Deputy Registrar
Assam Information Commission