

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

Case No. : KP(M).389 /2014

Complainant/ appellant : Shri Dulal Bora

Respondent : Commissioner of Taxes, Assam

Date of hearing : 21.4.2016

Complaint/ Second : Shri H.S. Das, IAS (Retd)

Appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 21.4.2016

The petitioner Shri Dulal Bora is absent without information. The Public Authority is represented by Shri B.B. Hagjer, Addl. Commissioner of Taxes, Assam, Guwahati.

In view of the large number of cases pending with this Commission and in view of absence of the petitioner without any information, his Second Appeal petition dtd 13.6.13 is taken up for hearing ex-parte.

It is seen that vide his RTI petition dtd 22.3.13 filed before the Commissioner of Taxes, Govt. of Assam, the petitioner wanted to know – (a) Amount of taxes to be raised bythe State Government from different districts, (b) detailed information on different sources in different districts from which taxes have to be collected and given to the Government, and (c) amounts of taxes collected district-wise and source-wise from 1st January, 2009 till 28th February, 2013.

This Commission observes that there are more than one other authorities, who are responsible for collection of taxes from different sources in different districts of Assam. This Commission, therefore, directs the SPIO in the office of the Commissioner of Taxes of Assam to furnish the information relating to "collection of taxes cumulatively for the period from 1sr January, 2009 to 28th February, 2013, districtwise and Act-wise" to the petitioner in respect of taxes collected by the Commissionerate under the different Acts within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.

This commission directs the SPIO in the office of the Commissioner of Taxes to avoid delay in responding to RTI applications in future.

This Commission also directs the Commissioner of Taxes to put such routine information on their website so that such RTI application can be addressed by advising the RTI applicant to go through the relevant pages of the website.

The Commissioner of Taxes is also directed to take immediate steps for pro-active disclosure of all relevant information under section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005.

With the above order the Second Appeal petition dtd 13.6.13 is disposed of.

Endorse a copy of this order to Commissioner of Taxes, Govt. of Assam and also to the Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Finance Department, Incharge of Taxation Branch, Assam Secretariat, Dispur, Guwahati-6

Sd/-

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

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Sd/-Registrar Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ KP(M).389/2014/6-A

Dtd. 21.4.2016

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- 1. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Finance (Taxation) Department, Dispur, Guwahati- 781 006 for information.
- 2. The Commissioner of Taxes, Govt. of Assam, Kar Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati- 781 006 for information and necessary action.
- 3. The SPIO in the office of the Commissioner of Taxes, Assam, Kar Bhawan, Dispur, Guwhati-781 006 for information and necessary action.
- 4. Shri Dulal Bora, Kainadhara, House No. 118, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information.
- 5. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 6. Office File.

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