

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

Case No. : SIC/DHR.7/2015 Appellant : Md. Foyzal Hoque.

Respondent : The SPIO/Head Mistress, J.U. Ahmed Memorial School, Dhubri.

Date of hearing : 13.05.2016

Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,

State Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 13.05.2016

The Public Authority is represented by Sri Debasish Singha, BEEO, South Salamara Educational Block, Dhubri and Ms. Moriom Khatun, Head Mistress, J.U. Ahmed Memorial School, Dhubri. A Written Statement dated 10.05.2016 received from the BEEO, South Salmara which is taken on the case record. A Written Statement dated 10.05.2016 has also been received from the DMC, SSA, Dhubri although with wrong Applicant's name.

The Appellant absent without any information.

Perused the case record. It is seen that the Appellant had filed his Second Appeal alleging that the information that had been provided to him were "totally false and incomplete information". However, the Appellant has not explained as to what information supplied to him was false and incomplete.

Heard the SPIO/BEEO, South Salmara and the Head Mistress, J.U. Ahmed Memorial School. It has been submitted that the school is a venture one having received financial assistance during the year 2010-11.

The Commission is of the view that the authorities of a venture school do not constitute a Public Authority as defined by the RTI Act, 2005 in Section 2 (h), and that the school is therefore outside the purview of the said Act as regards to providing information to citizens. However, through the RTI Application in item no. 3 and 4 the Applicant/Appellant has sought information, *inter alia*, relating to financial assistance received from Government. It is also observed that the information relating to financial assistance provided to the said school and its utilization would be available with the office of the BEEO, South Salmara.

In view of the facts brought out above, the Commission hereby orders that the SPIO, office of the BEEO, South Salmara shall provide the information sought for by the Applicant/Appellant in item no. 3 and 4 of the information sought for by him through his Application, free of cost, within a period of 10 days of receipt of this order.

With this, the Second Appeal Petition is disposed of.

Sd/-Pinuel Basumatary State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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Sd/-Deputy Registrar Assam Information Commission Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO/Head Mistress, J.U. Ahmed Memorial L.P. School, Under South Salamara Educational Block, P.O.- Airkata Bazar, Dist- Dhubri, Assam, Pin- 783330 for information.
- 2. The SPIO, Office of the Block Elementary Eduation Officer, Salamara Educational Block, Dist-Dhubri, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 3. The First Appellate Authority/District Mission Co-ordinator, Sarba Siksha Abhijan (SSA), Dhubri, P.O.- Dhubri, Dist- Dhubri, Assam, Pin- 783301 for information.
- 4. Md. Foyzal Hoque, S/o- Roshun Ali, Vill- Paschim Naskara, P.O.- Airkata, S.P. Fakirganj, Dist-Dhubri, Assam, Pin-783330 for information.
- 5. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 6. Office File.

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