

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

Case No.	: SIC/NLB.30/2015
Complainant/Appellant	: Sri Uddhab Ch. Thakuria.
Respondent	: The SPIO, O/o the Block Development Officer, Madhupur Development Block, Nalbari.
Date of hearing	: 16.05.2016
Complaint/Second Appeal heard by	: Shri Pinuel Basumatary, State Information Commissioner, Assam

The Public Authority is represented by Sri Rama Kanta Pathak, Head Asstt., DRDA, Nalbari, Sri Nabaratna Patowary, i/c BDO, Madhupur Development Block and Sri Homeswar Kalita, GP Secretary. Written Statements both dated 14.05.2016 received from the Head Asstt. and the i/c BDO respectively which are taken on the case record.

The Appellant present.

Heard the Appellant. He submitted that he has not received the information he had sought for subsequent to filing of the Complaint and stated that he had not received satisfactory response from the SPIO. He further requested in writing that as he was still interested in getting the information his Complaint case may be treated as an Appeal.

Perused the aforementioned W/S from the BDO. It has been submitted that in response to the RTI Application the Appellant had been asked to deposit the cost of photocopying through a letter dated 18.07.2014 but that the latter did not agree to comply with the request. It has been added that the Applicant had been asked subsequently several times to deposit cost of photocopying, however, deposit not yet been made.

It has further been submitted that they were unable to attend to the Applicant/Appellant during his visits owing to their preoccupation with other urgent matters like ongoing audit, but now they are in a position to do the needful as soon as the Appellant would visit for inspection of the relevant documents.

In view of the facts brought out above, the Commission hereby orders that the Appellant shall visit the office of the SPIO/BDO, Madhupur Development Block, Kaithelkuchi as agreed by parties on 25.05.2016, inspect the documents and indicate the number of copies of the documents that would be required. The SPIO shall extend all necessary cooperation in making the documents/information available for inspection by the Appellant, arrange for photocopying the documents as requisitioned by the Appellant, make up to 25 copies available to the Appellant free of cost, and the cost of photocopying for rest of the documents shall be borne by the Appellant. The entire exercise will be completed within 2 (two) days.

With this, the Second Appeal Petition is disposed of.

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

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Dtd. 16.05.2016

Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO, Office of the Block Development Officer, Madhupur Development Block, Kaithelkuchi, Dist- Nalbari, Assam, Pin- 781335 for information and necessary action.
- 2. Sri Uddhab Ch. Thakuria, S/o- Tanurm Thakuria, Vill & P.O.- Kathelkuchi, Dist- Nalbari, Assam, Pin- 787370 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

Deputy Registrar Assam Information Commission