

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

Case No. : SIC/DHR.103/2013 Appellant : Md. Shorhab Ali.

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Dhubri

Date of hearing : 21.04.2016

Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,

State Information Commissioner, Assam

## ORDER 21.04.2016

Neither party present. However, a Written Statement dated 20.04.2016 received from the D.I.S., Dhubri which is taken on record.

There is no information from the Appellant.

Perused the aforementioned W/S. It has been submitted that necessary action for providing the information to the Petitioner after collecting from the concerned offices namely, D.I.S., Bilasipara and D.M.C., SSA, Dhubri shall be taken.

Considering the fact that the RTI Application was dated 03.07.2013 and the same had been transferred by the recipient of the Application, namely SPIO, office of the S.D.O. (C), Bilasipara through a letter dated 16.07.2013, the submission by the D.I.S., Dhubri betrays negligence in dealing with the RTI Application. The submission by the D.I.S., Dhubri indicates that it has taken nearly 3 years and that too only after receiving the Commission's notice of hearing to attend to the RTI Application and realize that the same pertained to the jurisdiction of D.I.S., Bilasipara and D.M.C., Dhubri. It shows disregard to the mandate given the RTI Act, 2005 to SPIOs to provide information within 30 days. What the D.I.S., Dhubri ought to have done within the stipulated period is to either collect the information from the concerned custodians of the information by seeking help of Section 5 (4) of the Act and provide to the Applicant/Appellant or to transfer the Petition to the concerned SPIOs under Section 6 (3) of the Act.

In view of the facts brought out above, the Commission hereby orders that the D.I.S., Dhubri shall take all appropriate action to provide the information to the Applicant/Appellant, within a period of 15 days of receipt of this order.

With this, the Second Appeal Petition is hereby disposed of.

However, the Appellant shall be at liberty to approach this Commission, if he is aggrieved at the action taken by the SPIO in accordance with this order.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

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Deputy Registrar Assam Information Commission Memo No. SIC/ DHR.103/2013/7-A

Dtd. 21.04.2016

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- 1. The SPIO, office of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Dhubri, Dist- Dhubri, Pin-783301 for information and necessary action.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority/Sub-Divisional Officer, Civil, Bilasipara, Dhubri, Dist- Dhubri, Assam, Pin-783348 for information.
- 3. Md. Shorhab Ali, S/o- Lt. Osman Ali, Vill- Boalkamari Pt-I, P.O.- Boalkamari, P.S.- Bilasipara, Dist- Dhubri, Assam, Pin- 783348 for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
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Deputy Registrar Assam Information Commission