

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

Case No. : KP(M).30/2014

Complainant/ appellant : Shri Bipin Ch. Thakuria

Respondent : Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Divn., Nalbari

Date of hearing : 10.5.2016

Complaint/ Second : Shri H.S. Das, IAS ( Retd)  
Appeal heard by : Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
10.5.2016

The petitioner Shri Bipin Ch. Thakuria as well as the Public Authority- both are absent without any information. The complaint petition dtd 6.1.14 is taken up for consideration ex-parte in absence of the petitioner and the Public Authority. The relief sought vide petition dtd 6.1.14 is for furnishing the required information. Therefore, the petitioner's petition is taken up as a Second Appeal petition.

From the case records it is seen that the petitioner filed an RTI petition dtd 30.9.13 before the SPIO in the office of the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Nalbari Social Forestry Division (SFD) seeking information about all schemes implemented by the DFO, SFD, Nalbari during the financial year 2012-13 including financial/physical achievements, completion reports and utilization certificates and inspection reports of all officers.

It is seen from the case records that the SPIO of the DFO, SFD, Nalbari vide his letter dtd 25.10.13 wrote to the petitioner that being a retired Range Officer calling report of DFO's working is undesirable and before furnishing the information the PIO wanted to know what the petitioner will do with that report. ***This is clearly in violation of the Section 6(2) of the RTI Act. The concerned SPIO in the office of the DFO, SFD, Nalbari is therefore, directed to show cause as to why penalty u/s 20 shall not be imposed on him for his refusal to furnish the required information without any condition.*** His written submission is to reach

the Registry of this Commission within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.

The SPIO in the office of the DFO, SFD, Nalbari is further directed to furnish the sought for information as available in the office records to the petitioner by registered post free of cost within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. If any information is not available then the petitioner will be informed accordingly within the time as stipulated above.

With the above order, the Second appeal dtd 6.1.14 is disposed of.

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

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Sd/-  
Registrar  
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ KP(M).30/2014/8-A

Dtd. 10.5.2016

Copy to:

1. The Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Nalbari, Dist- Nalbari, Assam, PIN 781 335 for information and necessary action.
2. The SPIO in the office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Nalbari, Dist. Nalbari, Assam, PIN- 781 335 for information and necessary action.
3. Shri Bipin Chandra Thakuria, 12, Santipur, I.G. Road, Guwahati- 781 009 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.

Registrar  
Assam Information Commission