



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

Case No. : **KP(M).25/2014**

Complainant/ appellant : **Sri B.C. Thakuria**

Respondent : **DFO, (Social Forestry Division), Lakhimpur**

Date of hearing : **10-05-2016**

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

O R D E R

The petitioner Sri B. C. Thakuria is absent without any information. The public authority is represented by Sri G.C. Bora, DFO, Social Forestry Division, Lakhimpur.

The complaint petition dated 6-1-2014 is taken up for consideration ex-parte, in the absence of the complainant.

From perusal of the case records, it is seen that the petitioner filed an RTI petition dated 13-9-2013 before the PIO of the office of DFO, Lakhimpur Social Forestry Division seeking informations about the schemes implemented by the DFO during the year 1-12-2013, indicating details of financial achievements/ physical achievements / completion reports and utilization certificates and inspection report of the officers.

It is also seen from the case records that the DFO, vide his letter dated 8-11-2013 gave some information to the petitioner in response to his RTI petition. Not satisfied with the information received, the petitioner filed his first appeal petition dated 25-11-2013 before the DFO, Lakhimpur Social Forestry Division, seeking complete information as mentioned at paragraph 3 and 4 of his first appeal petition.

This was followed by a complaint petition seeking the same relief as in the first appeal petition. It appears that the First Appellate Authority did not hear and dispose of the first appeal petition. Since the relief sought by the petitioner in paragraph 4 of his second appeal petition is for receipt of complete information, his complaint petition is treated as second appeal petition.

The DFO, Social Forestry Division, Lakhimpur has submitted a written statement dated 30-4-2016, which is entered into the case records. In his written submission the present DFO, has stated that he joined as DFO, Social Forestry Division, Lakhimpur in October, 2014 and he was not aware of the pending RTI matter.

In view of the above, the Commission directs the DFO, Social Forestry Division, Lakhimpur to furnish copies of the available inspection reports of the Schemes made by CCF/CF and SF etc. and to inform the petitioner about the inspection reports which are not available, citing the reasons for non-availability, within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order

As regards the alleged discrepancies between the works executed and utilization certificates (Form No. GFR.19-A) and absence of counter-signature of the competent authority on the utilization certificates, this Commission directs the DFO, Social Forestry Division, Lakhimpur to verify his office records and inform the petitioner about the actual position of the records, as is available in his office, within 15 days from the date of this order. If the petitioner so desires, he may also be allowed to inspect the relevant records within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order and take notes and photo copies of documents sought for by him, free of cost up to 20 pages and thereafter, on payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional page of photo copy.

With the above order, the second appeal petition dated 6-1-2014 is disposed

Sd/-

(H. S. Das)

**Chief Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati**

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-

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Dtd.10-5-2016

1. Sri G.C. Bora, DFO, Social Forestry Division, Lakhimpur for information and necessary action.
2. Sri B. C. Thakuria, 12 Santipur I.G Road,Guwahati- 781 009 for information and necessary action.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.

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