

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

Case No. : SIC/GLT.3/2016
Appellant : Sri Jibeswar Kalita.

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Deputy Director i/c, Food, Civil Supplies and

Consumer Affairs Department, Golaghat.

Date of hearing : 26.05.2016

Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,

State Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 26.05.2016

Sri Harendra Nath Doley, Dy. Director, F.C.S. & C.A, Golaghat and Sri Prabin Kr. Hazarika, Managing Partner, M/s. Hazarika Gas Agency, Golaghat are present. A Written Statement dated 24.05.2016 received from the Dy. Director which is taken on the case record.

The Appellant present.

Perused the aforementioned W/S. It has been submitted that on receipt of the RTI Application dated 11.11.2013, the SPIO, office of the Dy. Director, F.C.S. & C.A., Golaghat transferred it to the LPG gas agency being the holder of the information through a letter dated 16.11.2013. Thereafter, on receipt of the First Appeal dated 21.01.2014, the SPIO directed the agency to provide the information. It has further been submitted that the information was finally provided to the Applicant by the agent by endorsing a copy of the letter dated 21.02.2014 addressed to the SPIO. It has also been added that the efforts had been made to facilitate furnishing of information sought for although the holder of the information is a private business and authorized distributor of IOCL.

Heard the Appellant. He submitted that he had indeed received the aforementioned letter with certain information but was not satisfied with it for the reason that he had been asked to deposit certain amount for providing photocopies without clarity. He submitted that he was still interested in the information remaining to be provided to him.

In view of the facts brought out above, the Commission hereby orders that the Appellant shall communicate in writing with the SPIO specifying the part of the information which is pending to be provided to him. The communication may be made within 7 days.

The agent made a request through the SPIO for reasonable time for furnishing the information on medical ground. Considering this, the Commission hereby orders that the SPIO shall procure such information as can be accessed by exercise of his legal authority and provide the same to the Appellant within a period of 21 days of receipt of this order, free of cost. Should the SPIO find that the documents to be photocopied are voluminous and the cost of photocopying would cause disproportionate burden on the resources of the Public Authority and/or holder of the information/documents, he shall request the Appellant to visit the premises where such records are kept and offer the same for inspection during that period to be completed in two days' time.

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

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- 2. The First Appellate Authority/Deputy Director *i*/c, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Dist- Golaghat, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 3. Sri Jibeswar Kalita, General Secretary, Antaranga Sanjog Samity, Kumargaon, Dergaon, P.O.-Dergaon, Dist-Golaghat, Assam for information.
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