

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

Case No. : SIC/GLT.23/2016 Appellant : Sri Rajan Pujari.

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the District Elementary Education Officer,

Golaghat.

Date of hearing : 04.06.2016

Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,

State Information Commissioner, Assam

## O R D E R 04.06.2016

The SPIO absent. However, A Written Statement dated 30.05.2016 received from DEEO, Golaghat.

The Appellant is absent but he has sent a Written Statement dated 30.05.2016.

The First Appellate Authority/DEEO, Golaghat has not apprised the Commission about the steps he might have taken to dispose of the First Appeal Petition within the stipulated time as asked for by the Commission through its hearing notice dated 23.05.2016.

Perused the W/S of the Appellant. Through the W/S, he mentioned his inability to attend the hearing. It has been submitted that he has not received the information inspite of having filed First Appeal dated 03.09.2015.

Perused the W/S of the SPIO. It has been submitted that the RTI Application dated 27.07.2015 was received on 03.08.2015, and that the Appellant had been informed within the stipulated time through a letter dated 28.08.2015, the number of documents to be copied as 583 pages and requested to him collect the same providing the cost of photocopying within 3 days of receipt of the communication. It has been stated that the Appellant did not collect the information within the stipulated time.

Perused the case record. It is seen that in his Second Appeal the Appellant had not mentioned if he had received the said communication from the SPIO. It appears, in any case that the Appellant did not comply with the request of the SPIO.

There is no evidence of FAA/DEEO, Golaghat having disposed of the said First Appeal as required by the RTI Act, 2005.

In view of the facts brought out above, the Commission hereby orders that the Appellant, if still interested in the information, shall contact the SPIO and inspect the records on a working day during working hours and take photocopies of the documents required by him at the prescribed rate within 10 days of receipt f this order. The exercise of inspection and photocopying may be completed in 2 working days at the most. The SPIO shall offer the records for inspection and extend all cooperation for making photocopies. The Appellant shall pay the cost of photocopies considering the fact that he was given the offer of the information and inspection within the stipulated time of 30 days.

It is further ordered that the First Appellate Authority/DEEO, Golaghat shall consider and dispose of the First Appeal dated 03.09.2015, with a speaking order, within 21 days of receipt of this order.

With this, the Second Appeal is disposed of.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Deputy Registrar Assam Information Commission Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO, office of the District Elementary Education Officer, Golaghat, Dist- Golaghat, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority/District Elementary Education Officer, Golaghat, Dist- Golaghat, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 3. Sri Rajan Pujari, Khoundpara, Dergaon, P.O.- Dergaon, Dist- Golaghat, Assam, Pin- 785614 for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5. Office File.

Deputy Registrar Assam Information Commission