

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

Case No. : KP(M).33 /2014

Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Kamlesh Kamat

Respondent : Fulara Chatala (T) SSLtd., Barpeta

Date of hearing : 26.5.2016

Complaint/ Second : Shri H.S. Das, IAS (Retd)

Appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER

26.5.2016

The petitioner Shri Kamlesh Kamat is absent without any information. The Public Authority is represented by Shri Amzed Hussain, Secretary, Fulara Chatala (T) Samabay Samiti Ltd., Barpeta. The Second Appeal petition dtd 11.12.13 is taken up for hearing ex-parte in absence of the petitioner.

From perusal of the case records it is seen that the petitioner filed an RTI petition dtd 12.9.13 before the Secretary cum PIO of Fulara Satala SS Ltd. seeking information about allocation and distribution of PDS materials by the GPSS. Vide letter dtd 30.9.13, the Secretary of the concerned GPSS wrote to the petitioner, requesting him to visit the office of the GPSS on any working day and take photocopies of sought for information by making payment of the requisite cost, during office hours within 18.10.13. The Secretary, GPSS also mentioned in the letter to the petitioner that since the sought for information is quite voluminous, it was not possible to send it by post.

The Asstt. Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Barpeta district has made a written submission dtd 24.5.16 enclosing above mentioned letter of the Secretary GPSS and stated that the petitioner Shri Kamlesh Kamat never approached him as the First Appellate Authority. The Secretary of the GPSS present today deposed that the petitioner Shri Kamlesh Kamat did not respond to his letter dtd 30.9.13 and come for inspection of records as requested. The GPSS Secretary again wrote to the petitioner dtd 12.11.13 requesting him to inspect the relevant records and take photocopies by paying requisite cost during office hours within 24.11.13. Again the petitioner did not come for inspection of records.

In his Second Appeal petition, the petitioner has mentioned that he could not go personally to the office of the GPSS as he apprehended threat to his life and that two persons came searching for him in his RTI application address, which is Rupnagar, Guwahati. If that be the reasons for his refusal to go for inspection of records, the petitioner could have reported the matter to the concerned police station for help.

From the above, it appears that the petitioner has been given sufficient opportunity to obtain the information sought for by him, but he did not avail the same.

In view of the above, the Second Appeal petition dtd 11.12.13 is disposed of with the direction that the Secretary of the Fulara Chatala GPSS Ltd., Barpeta will give the petitioner one more opportunity to inspect the relevant records during office hours on any working day within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order and also allow him to take photocopies of the documents after paying the required cost.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Registrar Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ KP(M).33/2014/17-A Dtd. 26.5.2016

Copy to:

- 1. The Secretary, Fulara Chatala (T) GPSS Ltd., Vill & PO-Tarakandi, District Barpeta, Assam, PIN- 781321 for information and necessary action.
- 2. Shri Kamlesh Kamat, C/o- Vikash Prasad (Advocate). House No. 39, Brindavan Path, Rupnagar, PO-Indrapur, Guwahati- 781 037, Assam for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.
- 5. Guard File.

Registrar
Assam Information Commission