

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

Case No. : KP(M).515 /2014
Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Dulal Bora
Respondent : Chief Engineer, PWD (Border Roads) & NEC Divn.
Govt. of Assam.
Date of hearing : 02.6.2016
Complaint/ Second : Shri H.S. Das, IAS (Retd)
Appeal heard by : Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

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02.6.2016

The petitioner Shri Dulal Bora is absent. The Public Authority is represented by Shri Ajit Kumar Borah, PIO & Superintending Engineer (Planning), PWD, Govt. of Assam. The Second Appeal petition dtd 27.1.14 is taken up for hearing ex-parte in absence of the petitioner.

The PIO & Superintending Engineer (P) has submitted a written statement dtd 1.6.16, which is entered into the case records. In his written submission he has narrated the actions already taken by the Department to furnish the information sought for by the petitioner Shri Dulal Bora by his RTI petition dtd 8.8.13 submitted before the Chief Engineer of PWD (Roads)

From perusal of the RTI application it is seen that the information sought for is of blanket nature covering all the central funds released to the State PWD during the period 1st June, 2011 till 8th August, 2013, indicating the amounts against various schemes and projects. The petitioner also wanted to know how the fund was utilized, for what works, in which locations, through which banks the funds were drawn and how much payment was made to the firms with cheque numbers and name of the banks & utilization certificates, etc. Compilation of such detailed and voluminous information is likely to disproportionately divert the resources of the Public Authority. However, such information which are required to be put in the public domain by way of proactive disclosure by the concerned Public Authority under section 4 of the RTI Act. In today's context such information should be available in the departmental website. But that does not seem to be the case with the PWD (Roads).

This Commission, therefore, directs the State PWD to put up all such information in their website within 45 days from the date of receipt of this order and update the same periodically as is mandatory under section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005.

Send a copy of this order to the Commissioner & Special Secretary, PW (Roads) Department as well as PW (Building and National Highway) Department also.

As regards the instant Second Appeal petition dtd 27.1.14, it is seen from the written submission filed by the PIO and SE(P) of PWD (R) that some information have

already been furnished to the petitioner. This Commission, therefore directs the SPIO in the office of the Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads) to allow the petitioner if, he so desires to inspect the relevant records and documents during office hours on any working day within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order, and allow him to take notes and photocopies of the relevant documents required by him free of cost up to 25 copies and thereafter on payment of prescribed fee.

With the above order, the Second Appeal petition dtd 27.1.14 is disposed of.

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

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Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ KP(M).515/2014/20-A

Dtd. 02.6.2016

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1. The Commissioner & Special Secretary, Govt. of Assam, Public Works Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for information and necessary action.
- 2..The Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Govt. of Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3 for information and necessary action.
3. TheChief Engineer, PWD (Building), Govt. of Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3 for information and necessary action.
4. TheChief Engineer, PWD (NH), Govt. of Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3 for information and necessary action.
5. The Superintending Engineer & SPIO in the office of the Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), chandmari, Guwahati-3 for information and necessary action.
6. Shri Dulal Bora, Kainadhara Tiniali, House No. 118, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information.
7. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
8. Office File.
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