



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

Case No. : **KP(M)18/2016**

Complainant/ appellant : **Sri Aswini Konwar**

Respondent : **Commandant 1st Assam Forest Protection Force, Basistha**

Date of hearing : **13-06-2016**

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

O R D E R

The petitioner Sri Aswini Konwar, President of Assam Forest Protection Force Employees' Association is present. The petitioner is accompanied by one Sri Haren Ch. Roy, Constable of Assam Forest Protection Force. The public authority, i.e PCCF and Head of Forest Force, Assam is represented by Md. Saidul Islam, DCF, & SPIO , Office of the PCCF , Assam , Panjabari, Guwahati-37, accompanied by (1) Sri Khagendra Sahari, 1st AFPP, H.Q, Basistha, (2) Sri Dharani Dhar Das, (ABI) Arm Branch Inspector, 1st AFPP H.Q, Basistha, Guwahati-29, and (3) Sri Sarat Ch. Baishya (ABI), 1st AFPP of the same office.

The second appeal petition dated 23-12-2015 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

The SPIO of the office of PCCF and Head of Forest Force has made a written submission dated 13th June, 2016, which is entered into the case records.

In the written submission, the SPIO has submitted that the petitioner's RTI petition dated 25-6-2015 was transferred vide letter dated 4-7-2015 to the SPIO of the office of the Commandant 1st AFPP Battalion, Basistha, Guwahati-29. Again, in response to the petitioner's 1st appeal petition dated 10-9-2015, the petitioner was advised by the SPIO of the office of PCCF & HOFF, vide letter dated 19-9-2015 to submit his first appeal petition before the appropriate authority, i.e., the Commandant of the 1st AFPP Battalion.

From perusal of the case records it is seen that the petitioner filed an RTI petition dated 25-6-2015 before the SPIO of the office of PCCF and HOFF, Assam, seeking various informations about a Unit Fund purportedly established and controlled by the Commandant of the 1st AFPP.

This Commission observes that the following information are admissible to the petitioner under RTI Act, 2005 :-

- (i) **Date of commencement of the Unit Fund;**
- (ii) **Who are the employees eligible to contribute to the Unit Fund;**
- (iii) **Year-wise contribution to the Unit Fund as well as the interest earned, if any;**
- (iv) **What are the main objectives of the Unit Fund and who are eligible to receive the benefits from the Unit Fund;**
- (v) **The list of employees who have been given benefit from the Unit Fund since inception, indicating the amount of benefit and the year of benefit against each;**
- (vi) **Who administers the Unit Fund;**
- (vii) **Whether the Unit Fund was set up with the approval of any higher authority , if so, the name of the higher authority – or whether the Unit Fund was established by general consensus of the employees. If so, the particulars of resolution thereof, if any;**
- (viii) **Copies of Rules or procedure , if any, for administration of the Unit Fund;**
- (ix) **Balance amount in the Unit Fund as on the date of RTI petition, i.e., 25-6-2015.**

The SPIO and Reserve Inspector of the office of the Commandant, 1st AFPF has already furnished certain information vide letter dated 8-6-2016 to the petitioner Sri Aswini Konwar.

The petitioner deposed that he is yet to receive the letter dated 8-6-2016.

This Commission, therefore, directs the SPIO of 1st AFPF Battalion to furnish a copy of this letter dated 8-6-2016 along with all enclosures to the petitioner within 7 days from the date of receipt of this order.

The petitioner will also be given an opportunity to inspect all relevant documents with reference to his RTI petition within 15 days from the date of receipt of the SPIO's letter dated 8-6-2016 with all its enclosures, and take notes and photo copies of relevant documents, free of cost up to 25 copies and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional page of photo copy.

With the above order, the second appeal petition dated 23-12-2015 is disposed

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

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Sd/-
Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Memo No.SIC/KP(M) 18/2016/35-A

Dtd. 13-6-2016

Copy to:

1. Md. Saidul Islam, DCF, & SPIO, Office of the PCCF, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37, for information and necessary action, as above.
2. Sri Aswini Konwar, President of Assam Forest Protection Force Employees' Association Basistha, Guwahati-29 for information..
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

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