



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

Case No. : **BNG. 10/2014**

Complainant/ appellant : **Sri Narendra Nath Sarma**

Respondent : **District Agriculture Officer, Dhubri**

Date of hearing : **26-05-2016**

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

O R D E R

The petitioner Sri Narendra Nath Sarma is absent without any information. The public authority is represented by Sri Mrinal Ch. Haloi, SPIO and SDAO, (DO CC&TC), office of the District Agriculture Officer, Dhubri.

Two separate written submissions made by the DAO and SPIO dated 24-5-2016 and 26-5-2016 respectively, are entered into the case records.

The second appeal petition dated 16-12-2013 is taken up for hearing ex-parte in the absence of the petitioner.

From perusal of the case records it is seen that the petitioner filed an RTI petition dated 20-9-2013 before the SPIO and Deputy Secretary, District Agriculture Officer (DAP), Dhubri, seeking information on Technology Mission and National Food Security Mission for the period 2008 till 18-9-2013, as per format prescribed by him within 30 days of his RTI petition. He also requested the SPIO to type out the sought for information in the form prescribed by him.

From the case records, it is seen that the SPIO of the office of the DAO, Dhubri, wrote to the petitioner on 15-11-2013 in response to the petitioner's first appeal petition dated 29-10-2013. The SPIO referred to his earlier letter dated 20-10-2013, addressed to the petitioner, requesting him to deposit the required cost for furnishing the information. It appears that instead of paying the required cost, the petitioner filed his second appeal petition before this Commission on 16-12-2013.

This Commission observes that under the RTI Act, 2005, information can be sought for from a public authority in the same format in which it is maintained. The petitioner has, however, requested for information in a separate format prescribed by himself.

In any case, it appears that the petitioner has not yet received the sought for information. This Commission, therefore, directs the SPIO in the office of DAO, Dhubri to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant records and documents, during office hours, within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order, and allow him to take notes as well as 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 16-12-2013 is disposed of.

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

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Sd/-
Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Memo No.SIC/BNG 10/2014/20-A

Dtd. 26-5-2016

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1. Sri Mrinal Ch. Haloi, SPIO and SDAO , (DO CC&TC), office of the District Agriculture Officer, Dhubri for information and necessary action.
1. Sri Narendra Nath Sarma , VIII P.O & P.S – Abhayapuri, Ward No.-3, Near PWD Mechanical Workshop, Abhayapuri, Dist- Bongaigaon, Assam , for information.
2. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
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