

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

Case No. : SIC/NGN.59/2014

Appellant : Md. Siddiqur Rahman.

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the PCCF, Panjabari, Guwahati.

Date of hearing : 04.06.2016

Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,

State Information Commissioner, Assam

## <u>O R D E R</u>

04.06.2016

The Public Authority is represented by Md. Saidul Islam, SPIO/DCF, office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forests Force, Assam and Sri Bidya Bordoloi, SPIO/DCF, office of the PCCF (W/L) and CWLW, Assam. Written Statement both dated 04.06.2016 have been received from both the SPIO.

The Appellant present.

Perused the W/S from the SPIO, office of the PCCF etc. It has been submitted that as per record of the office he has not received the RTI Application and that on receipt of the Commission's notice of hearing it was forwarded to PCCF, Wild Life, Assam.

Perused the W/S from the SPIO, office of the PCCF (W/L) and CWLW, Assam. It has been submitted that out of 7 queries in the Application point no. 3 and 5 had been transferred to the respective Protected Area Manager who are custodians of the information/records through a letter dated 02.07.2014. The information relating to the other queries had been issued to the Appellant through a letter of the same date. It has further been submitted that some of the SPIOs have provided the information in the meantime and suggested that the Applicant could file First Appeal to the appropriate First Appellate Authority.

Heard the Appellant. He submitted that he had not received the information from the SPIO, office of the PCCF, Wild Life, Assam but from some of the SPIOs to whom query no. 3 and 5 had been transferred.

In the course of the hearing the said SPIO handed over a copy of the said letter dated 02.07.2014 containing the information on query no. 1,2,4 and 6, overlooking the cost of photocopying.

In view of the facts brought out above, the Commission hereby orders that the Appellant, at his discretion, shall submit First Appeal to the appropriate First Appellate Authorities of the SPIOs to whom query no. 3 and 5 had been transferred as stated above, and the respective First Appellate Authorities shall dispose of the respective First Appeals within the stipulated time in accordance with the provisions in this respect in the RTI Act, 2005.

With this, the Second Appeal is disposed of.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

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- 1. The SPIO, office of the Principal Chief Conservator Forests, Wildlife & CWLW, Assam, Basistha, Guwahati- 781029 for information.
- 2. The SPIO, office of the Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Panjabari Guwahati, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 3. The First Appellate Authority/Principal Chief Conservator Forests, Wildlife & CWLW, Assam, Basistha, Guwahati- 781029 for information necessary action.
- 4. Md. Siddiqur Rahman, Vill & P.O.- Fakuli Pather, P.S.- Juria, Dist- Nagaon, Assam, Pin-782124 for information.
- 5. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 6. Office File.

Deputy Registrar Assam Information Commission