

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

Case No. : **KP(M)438/2014**

Complainant/ appellant :Sri Vinod Mandal

Respondent :Executive Engineer, Guwahati Division.

Date of hearing : 23-06-2016

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

appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER

The petitioner Sri Vinod Mandal is absent without information. The public authority is represented by :- (1) Sri Jayanta Kr. Medhi, Public Information Officer-cum- Executive Engineer (PHE), Guwahati Division No.I. and (2) Sri Devaranjan Das, Accounts Officer, PHE Division-I , Guwahati, and (3) Sri Hitesh Deka, Jr. Engineer (PHE) of the same office.

The second appeal petition dated 13-5-2014 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 29-1-2014 before the SPIO , Public Health Engineering Department, Govt.of Assam. By the RTI petition the petitioner wanted detailed list of hand pumps, standpost, Ring wells, construction of latrines, schools and Anganwadi centres, BPL households under TSC programme along with the names of Contractors, NGO, SHGs and the procedure for selection of beneficiary in he districts of Kamrup and Kamrup (Metro)

This Commission observes that the RTI petition was incomplete as it does not mention the period for which he sought the information.

However, it is seen from the case records that the SPIO of PHE Department had informed the petitioner vide letter dated 27-2-2014 to deposit an amount of Rs.12,012/- towards cost of photo copying the sought for informations with a break-up of the cost so that the information could be provided to the petitioner. The SPIO estimated the cost on the basis of all available information beginning from 2004, although the petitioner did not mention the time period in his RTI petition.

The petitioner was also informed that he can get the information sought for in the departmental website – <u>www.ddws.cov.in</u> for the district of Kamrup.

This was followed by an appeal petition before the First Appellate Authority by the petitioner seeking information be way of a soft copy. Accordingly, the

petitioner was given a C.D containing the available computerized data, vide letter dated 8-5-2014, which was received by the petitioner on 12-5-2014.

Now the petitioner has filed his second appeal petition giving the ground that the information contained in the C.D is not sufficient and it seems to be misleading. But he did not mention in his second appeal petition which part of the information contained in the C.D is misleading or insufficient, nor could it be ascertained in course of todays' hearing in the absence of the petitioner.

This Commission, therefore, directs the SPIO in the office of the Executive Engineer, PHE, Guwahati Division No.-1 to allow the petitioner, if he so desires, to inspect the relevant records and documents in relation to his RTI petition dated 29-1-2014 and allow him to take notes and photo copies thereof up to 25 pages and thereafter, on payment of Rs. 2/-for every additional page of photo copy.

With the above order the second appeal petition dated 13-5-2014 is disposed of.

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

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Sd/-Registrar Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 23-6-2016

Copy to:

- 1. Sri Jayanta Kr. Medhi, Public Information Officer-cum- Executive Engineer (PHE), Guwahati Division No.I. for information and necessary action.
- 2. Sri Vinod Mandal, Vill & P.O Mirza, P.S- Palasbari, District- Kamrup, Assam for information and necessary action, as ordered above.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.
- 5. Order Book.

Registrar
Assam Information Commission