

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

Case No. : KP(M).233 /2014

Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Bijan Kr. Sarma

Respondent : Director, Information & Public Relations, Assam

Date of hearing : 4.7.2016

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

Appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER

4.7.2016

The petitioner Shri Bijan Kr. Sarma is absent. By a written prayer he has authorized Shri Khanin Sarma and Shri Nanda Dulal Baruah to appear in today's hearing in this Commission on his behalf. His prayer is allowed. The public authority is represented by:- (1) Shri Dina Nath Loying, Jt. Director of Information & Public Relations, Assam, and (2) Shri P.K. Dutta, SPIO & CIO, DIPR, Assam. The second appeal petition dtd 13.3.14 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

From perusal of the case records it is seen that the petitioner filed an RTI petition dtd 8.11.13 before the Director of Information and Public Relations, Govt. of Assam. He sought information about:- (a) list of candidates who qualified in the written examination for the post of "Advertisement cum Circulation Manager, (b) marks secured by those candidates, and (c) photocopy of the written answer script of the petitioner, Shri Bijan Kumar Sama, Roll No. 127. When asked by this Commission, the representative of the petitioner admitted that the correct name of the candidate as at (c) above is Shri Bijan Kumar Sarma and not "Sama". He also admitted that there was an unintended omission in the RTI petition. The date of the written test, i.e., 10.2.13 was not mentioned.

The Joint Director of Information & Public Relations has sent a written submission dtd 2.7.2016, which is entered into the case records. The gist of the submission is that due to the above two technical errors, the sought for information could not be furnished to the petitioner. This Commission, is of the view that these were minor technical errors, clarification of which could have been sought from the

petitioner and the information could have been furnished to the petitioner, which are admissible under the RTI Act, 2005.

This Commission directs the SPIO of the office of the Director of Information & Public Relations, Govt. of Assam to furnish the information to the petitioner in respect of (a), (b) and (c) above within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

With the above order, the second appeal petition dtd 13.3.14 is disposed of.

Sd/-

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-

Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ KP(M).233/2014/35-A

Dtd. 4.7.2016

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- 1. The Jt. Director of Information & Public Relations and SPIO of the Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for information and necessary action.
- 2. Shri Bijan Kumamr Sarma, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, Bholanath Mandir Path, Opposite SBI, South Guwahati Branch, Ulubari, Guwahati-7 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.
- 5. Order Book.

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