

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

Case No. : SIC/GLT.53/2016
Complainant/Appellant : Shri Niranjana Mahanta
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Block Development Officer, South
Golaghat Development Block, Golaghat
Date of hearing : 19.07.2016
Complaint/Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,
State Information Commissioner, Assam

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19.07.2016

The Complainant/Appellant present.

The SPIO/BDO, South Golaghat Development Block absent. However, a Written Statement dated 18.07.2016 received from the SPIO which is taken on the case record.

Perused the case record. It is seen that the Complainant had filed his Complaint dated 30.11.2015 with the Commission after he failed to receive the information he had sought for through his Application dated 26.08.2015 and response to his First Appeal dated 29.09.2015 which he had submitted before the D.C., Golaghat and another Second Appeal dated 26.10.2015 which he had submitted to the PD, DRDA, Golaghat.

Perused the W/S. The BDO, South Golaghat Development Block has submitted that the relevant documents in connection with the information sought for by the Applicant has been provided to him on 16.07.2016 by the Secretary of Tengani Gaon Panchayat. A copy of the said letter from the GP dated 16.07.2016 on which the Applicant has recorded his acknowledgment of receipt of the documents has been enclosed as evidence.

Heard the Complainant. He submitted that the documents received by him as mentioned above pertained to another Application dated 24.05.2016 which he had submitted to Golaghat Zilla Parishad. He submitted a copy of the said RTI Application dated 24.05.2016 as an evidence. A perusal of the said copy of the 16.07.2016 letter of the GP Secretary bears out the contention of the Complainant. It is also seen that the said letter from the GP Secretary does not refer to the date of the RTI Application, and in his W/S, the BDO has wrongly mentioned the date as '26.08.2016'. The Complainant further submitted that as he was still interested in getting the information, his Complaint case be treated as an Appeal.

From the facts brought out above, it is seen that the SPIO/BDO, South Golaghat Development Block has dealt with the RTI Application and Complaint in a casual manner. The Commission hereby orders that the SPIO/BDO, South Golaghat Development Block shall take appropriate steps and ensure furnishing of the information the Appellant had sought for through his Application dated 26.08.2015, free of cost, within 10 days of receipt of this order. He is also advised to be more diligent in dealing with furnishing of information in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 in the future.

With this, the Appeal Petition is disposed of.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary
State Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

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Deputy Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Copy to:

1. The SPIO/Block Development Officer, South Golaghat Development Block, Golaghat, Dist- Golaghat, Assam, Pin- 785621 for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/Project Director, District Rural and Development Agency, Golaghat, Dist- Golaghat, Assam for information.
3. Shri Niranjana Mahanta, Vill - Jorhatia, P.O.- Dopathar, Dist- Golaghat, Assam, Pin- 785602 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.

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