

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

Case No. : SIC/GLT.25/2016
Complainant/Appellant : Shri Diganta Das
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Assistant Director of Sericulture, Golaghat
Date of hearing : 19.07.2016
Complaint/Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,
State Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
19.07.2016

The Complainant/Appellant present.

The SPIO/Assistant Director, Sericulture, Golaghat present along with a Written Statement dated 18.07.2016. A Written Statement dated 15.07.2016 received from the First Appellate Authority/Director of Sericulture, Assam.

Perused the W/S from the FAA/Director. It has been submitted that action was taken to dispose of the First Appeal by issuing directions to the Assistant Director, Sericulture, Golaghat through letter dated 04.04.2016 and 13.06.2016 to furnish the information free of cost immediately.

Perused the W/S from the SPIO/Assistant Director. It has been submitted that the information could not be provided to the Applicant as he had not deposited the cost of photocopying amounting to Rs. 10,438/- asked for from him through a letter dated 29.02.2016.

Heard the Complainant/Appellant. He submitted that he had not deposited the said amount for want of detailed calculation to account for the large amount asked for from him. He added that on receipt of the demand for the said amount he had written to the SPIO requesting for the detailed calculation and stating that he was willing to pay the amount. Further, he has requested in writing that as he was still interested in getting the information his Complaint case may be treated as an Appeal.

Heard the SPIO/Assistant Director. He submitted that he has been informed by his office that the detailed calculation for the cost of photocopying had been provided to the Appellant.

A perusal of the document containing the calculation, however does not bear any date and therefore, the veracity of the claim that the same had been provided to the Applicant along with the letter dated 29.02.2016 could not be determined.

In view of the facts brought out above and considering that the documents to be photocopied are voluminous, the Commission hereby orders that the SPIO/Assistant Director, Sericulture, Golaghat shall offer the record for inspection to the Appellant during office hours within 10 days of receipt of this order. The Appellant shall inspect the records/documents, take notes as appropriate and then indicate the documents whose certified photocopies he would require excluding those which are available in public domain such as departmental website. The SPIO shall provide the required documents/records, free of cost.

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

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Dtd. 19.07.2016

Copy to:

1. The SPIO/Assistant Director of Sericulture, Golaghat, Dist- Golaghat, Assam, Pin- 785621 for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/Director of Sericulture, Assam, Guwahati- 781022 for information.
3. Shri Diganta Das, R/o- Demaji Gaon (Disoi Chariali), P.O.- Bahguri, Dist- Golaghat, Assam, Pin- 785614 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.

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