



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

Case No. : **KP(R)31/2014**

Complainant/ appellant : **Sri Vinod Mandal**

Respondent : **Environment and Forest Department**

Date of hearing : **28-06-2016**

Complaint/ Second
appeal heard by : **Shri H.S. Das, IAS (Retd)
Chief Information Commissioner, Assam**

O R D E R

The petitioner Sri Vinod Mandal is present. The public authority is represented by:- (1) Sri Saidul Islam, SPIO , Office of the PCCF & HOFF, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37, and (2) Sri Rohini Kr. Das, ACF., SPIO of the Office of Divisional Forest Officer, Shantipur, Guwahati-9 .

The second appeal petition dated 13-10-2014 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 dated 11-2-2014 before the PIO of Environment and Forest Department, Govt. of Assam. The SPIO and Deputy Secretary , Environment and Forest Department transferred the RTI petition to the SPIO in the office of PCCF, Assam, vide letter dated 18th February, 2014.

The SPIO and Planning Officer and Planning Officer-II of the office of the PCCF, Assam informed the petitioner vide letter dated 1st March, 2014 that the information sought for by him is not specific and so it cannot be furnished. But again by another letter dated 26th May, 2014 the same SPIO transferred the RTI petition to the PIO of the office of the DFO, Guwahati (Wild Life) Division. It is not understood as to why the RTI petition was transferred to DFO (Wild Life Division, if the information sought for was not specific and could not be furnished as mentioned vide letter dated. 1st March, 2014. These two actions of the same PIO seems to be contradictory.

The SPIO and Planning Officer-II of the office of PCCF and HOFF, Assam has made a written submission dated 28th June, 2016 before the Registrar of this Commission, which is entered into the case records.

The SPIO of the office of the DFO (Wild Life) Division, Guwahati placed before this Commission a copy of his letter dated 14th July, 2014 addressed to the petitioner giving

point-wise response to his RTI petition. However, the petitioner submitted that he has not received this communication.

This was also followed by another letter dated 12th September, 2014 from the DFO himself in his capacity as the First Appellate Authority for a hearing of his first appeal petition dated 8-9-2014 for which hearing date was fixed on 24th September, 2014. . The petitioner again stated that he did not receive the letter dated 12th September, 2014.

The PIO of the office of the DFO (Wild Life) Division, Guwahati placed a copy of a letter dated 18th October, 2014 from him to the petitioner. The petitioner submitted that he did not receive this letter also.

In view of the above, this Commission directs the SPIO of the office of the Guwahati Wild Life Division to send copies of both the letters dated 14th July , 2014 and 18th October, 2014 to the petitioner today itself.

Thereafter, if the petitioner wants to have any further clarifications/ information he may be allowed to inspect the relevant records and documents within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

With the above order, the second appeal petition dated 13-10-2014 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(R) 31/2014/16-A

Dtd. 28-6-2016

Copy to:

1. Sri Saidul Islam, SPIO , Office of the PCCF & HOFF, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37 for information and necessary action, as ordered above..
2. Sri Vinod Mandal,Vill & P.O- Mirza, Kamrup, Assam, PIN-781 125 for information and necessary action.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

Registrar
Assam Information Commission

