

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

Case No.	: SIC/BPT.62/2016
Appellant	: Shri Kuladip Kumar Das
Respondent	: The SPIO, O/o the Chief Engineer, Water PWD (Roads), Assam, Guwahati
Date of hearing	: 30.06.2016
Second Appeal heard by	: Shri Pinuel Basumatary, State Information Commissioner, Assam

## <u>O R D E R</u> 30.06.2016

The Public Authority is represented by Sri Rameswar Basumatary, APIO/Executive Engineer, PMGSY, office of the Chief Engineer, PWD, Guwahati and Sri Lalit Ch. Konwar, PIO/A.E.E. (T/C), office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Barpeta Rural Road Division. Written Statements dated 24.06.2016 and 29.06.2016 Executive Engineer, PWD, Barpeta Rural Road Division and PIO/S.E. (PMGSY Cell), office of the Chief Engineer, PWD, Assam respectively.

The Appellants have sent a letter dated 29.06.2016 requesting deferment of date of hearing to enable him to study the above information they have received recently. However, the Commission has decided to go ahead with the proceedings considering that the Public Authority is well represented along with Written Statements, and that the Commission had already taken a hearing and issued an order in respect of another Second Appeal case on the same RTI Application.

Perusal of the case record indicates that more than one Appeal had been submitted on the same RTI Application resulting in multiple Appeal cases on the same Application. The Second Appeal case no. SIC/BPT.55/2016 on the same RTI Application dated 17.08.2015 was heard on 10.06.2016 and order issued thereon directing the SPIO and the Appellant to take certain actions and disposing of the case.

Perused the Written Statements. The SPIO, office of the Chief Engineer, PWD (Road), Assam has stated that action has been taken by the office on the Commission's order dated 10.06.2016 by directing the SPIO, office of the Executive Engineer, Barpeta PWD (R.R.) Division to provide information. No communication has been received from the SPIO as required by the Commission's order and action on disposing of the First Appeal is being taken. The Executive Engineer, PWD Barpeta (R.R.) Division has submitted that the action on the providing the information specified in the Commission's order has been taken and an acknowledgment of receipt by the Appellant as regard on the body of the forwarding letter has been enclosed as evidence. As this Second Appeal pertains to the same RTI Application of 17.08.2015 by the two Applicants which has been disposed of as mentioned above and action due as already been taken by the SPIOs, this Second Appeal is hereby disposed of.

However, the Appellants are hereby advised not to file multiple Appeals on the same RTI Application as the same is not emphasized by the RTI Act, 2005. In other words, one First Appeal and one Second Appeal should be submitted in respect of one RTI Application and no multiple Appeals on the same RTI Application.

Sd/-Pinuel Basumatary State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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- 1. The SPIO, office of the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Roads), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-781003 for information.
- 2. The Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Barpeta Rural Road Division, Dist- Barpeta, Assam for information.
- 3. The First Appellate Authority/Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Roads), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-781003 for information.
- 4. Shri Kuladip Kumar Das, Metuwakuchi, Gajia Road, Ward No.- 19, P.O.- Barpeta, Dist-Barpeta, Assam, Pin-781301 for information.
- 5. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 6. Office File.

Deputy Registrar Assam Information Commission