



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

Case No. : SIC/KAN.81/2016

Appellant : Sri Indra Rongphar.

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the  
1. Elementary Education Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur  
2. PWD (Road/Building) Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur  
3. WPT & BC Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur  
4. Hill Areas Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur  
5. Cultural Affairs Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur  
6. Border Areas Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur  
7. Home Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur  
8. Environment & Forests Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur  
9. Tourism Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur

Date of hearing : 29.07.2016

Second Appeal heard by : Smt. Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS (Retd.)  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**

29.07.2016

The petitioner Sri Indra Rongphar is absent without any intimation.

The Public Authority is represented by Sri Alok Kr. Borah, Under Secretary, office of the Home Affairs Department, Sri Debeswar Rabha, PIO, office of the Border Areas Department, Smt. Bulbul Roy, Under Secretary, Border Areas Department, Sri Nabajit Deori, SPIO, office of the Director, Archaeology, Assam, Ms. N. Dutta, Joint Secretary, office of the Environment & Forests Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Sri Manjit Kr Das, SRO, Finance Department, Sri Abhijit Dutta, RO, Finance Department, Smt. Jinti Das, ACS, Deputy Secretary, Elementary Education Department, Sri Nitul Barman, Sr. AA, Education Department, Sri Muchukunda Gogoi, Under Secretary, Office of the WPT & BC Department, Sri S.J. Singpho, Sri Bhaskar Pegu, Joint Secretary, Home Department, Sri Z.A. Hazarika, Addl. Chief Engineer (R & B), Hills, Haflong.

The representative of Finance Department stated that the Finance Department vide letter no. FEA/219/15/6 dated 23.11.2014 had forwarded the RTI petition of Sri Indra Rongphar dated 19.09.2014 to the SPIOs of the 9 departments to furnish the information to the petitioner within 26.07.2016.

The SPIO & Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Elementary Education has furnished a copy of the letter dated 22.07.2016 of the information furnished to the petitioner.

The PIO and Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, PWD Department vide letter dated 27.07.2016 has stated that the RTI application was forwarded to the PIO of the Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads) vide letter dated 07.12.2015 to furnish the information to the petitioner. On receipt of the Second Appeal notice, the Department again issued a reminder to the PIO, Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads) vide letter dated 25.07.2016 to furnish the information to the applicant within 26.07.2016 without fail with intimation to the Department.

The PIO and Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam PWD Department submitted another written statement dated 28.07.2016 enclosing the action taken report furnished by the PIO & Superintending Engineer (Planning), O/o the Chief Engineer, PWD (R), Chandmari. The PIO & SE vide letter dated 28.07.2016 stated that the information sought for by the applicant was furnished to the applicant vide their letter no. CE/RTI/115/2012/41 dated 12.02.2016.

The SPIO and Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Hills Areas Department vide letter dated 28.07.2016 informed that the petition received in the Department through the Finance (Economic Affairs) Department was forwarded to the Principal Secretary, KAAC and N.C. Hills Autonomous Council vide letter dated 10.12.2015 for furnishing the required information to the petitioner. Reminder was issued vide letter dated 25.07.2016 to intimate whether information was furnished to the petitioner. The Principal Secretary, KAAC informed vide letter dated 26.07.2016 that as per discussion held on 26.07.2016, the officers of the concerned department were directed to furnish the information to the petitioner. The Secretary, N.C. Hills Autonomous Council, Haflong vide letter dated 27.07.2016 informed that the information sought for by the petitioner Sri Indra Rongphar was received from the Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Hill Areas Department vide letter dated 10.12.2015 which was transferred to the concerned departments namely i) Addl. Director of Education (H), ii) the Chief Conservator of Forests and iii) Addl. Chief Engineer, PWD (R & B), Haflong vide their letter no. 22.12.2015 with direction to furnish the information directly to the applicant. It has also been informed that the Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Dima Hasao has already furnished the information to the appellant vide letter dated 29.01.2016 and the same was duly received by the appellant. He also stated that the Deputy Director, Tourism, Dima Hasao has furnished the information sought for by the petitioner to the Principal Secretary & PIO, N.C. Hills. The APIO, office of the Addl. Director of Education (H) has also furnished the information sought for by the petitioner to the Secretary & PIO, N.C. Hills on 26.07.2016. However, it is seen that the SPIOs have not intimated the same to the petitioner. They are directed to furnish copy of the information to the petitioner.

The Addl. Chief Engineer, R & B, Hills, Haflong present stated that he was deputed by the Principal Secretary, N.C. Hills Autonomous Council, Dima Hasao to attend the hearing. He has submitted a copy of the letter dated 27.07.2016 from the Executive Engineer, PWD (Roads) Mahur Division to the Secretary & SPIO, N.C. Hills Autonomous Council, Haflong for furnishing the information to the petitioner. A copy of the same be furnished to the petitioner by the Executive Engineer, PWD Roads, Mahur Division. The Addl. Chief Engineer present requested for time to furnish the information with regard to other divisions.

The Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, WPT & BC Department vide their letter dated 29.07.2016 has informed that the RTI petition filed by the Sri Indra Rongphar was transferred to the Principal Secretary, BTC Kokrajhar vide their letter dated 05.12.2015 and that the Secretary, BTC has informed the department that the BTC authority had directly furnished the information to the petitioner vide letter dated 26.07.2016. He has enclosed copies of letters furnishing the information to the petitioner by the various departments under BTC.

The SPIO & Technical officer, Director of Archaeology Assam has informed vide letter dated 26.07.2016 that the required information has been furnished to the appellant directly vide their letter no. ARCH/432/Pt-VII/2015-16/1057 dated 21.12.2015.

The SPIO & Under Secretary, office of the Border Areas Department vide letter dated 28.07.2016 informed that the information sought for by the petitioner was dispatched to him vide letter no. BD. (RTI) 27/2016/49 on 27.07.2016.

The Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam & SPIO, Home Department vide their written statement dated 27.07.2016 stated that the RTI petition dated 19.09.2015 filed by Sri Indra Rongphar was received by the Joint Secretary and SPIO, Home Department and assistance was sought for regarding point no.4 for Grants-in-aid for Assam Police Housing during the year 2011-12 from the Director General of Police vide letter dated 18.07.2016. However, reply had not been received and the Joint Secretary, Home Department and SPIO had sought for time so that the information could be collected from the concerned authority and furnished to the petitioner.

The SPIO & Joint Secretary, Govt. of Assam, Environment and Forests department has submitted a copy of the information furnished to the petitioner vide letter dated 26.07.2016.

The SPIO Tourism Department was absent and hence the status was not available.

In view of the facts stated above, the Commission directs the SPIO, office of the Addl. Chief Engineer, R & B, Hills, Haflong to furnish information pending, if any related to two other divisions of Hamren and Maibang, the SPIO, office of the Home Department to the Govt. of Assam to furnish the information relating to Assam Police Housing and the SPIO, office of the Tourism Department to the Govt. of Assam to furnish information, if any within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. Notices be issued only to the SPIO, office of the Addl. Chief Engineer, PWD, R & B, Haflong; Principal Secretary, Dima Hasao with regards to pending information of R & B, Haflong; the SPIO, office of the Home Department, Govt. of Assam with regards to pending information on Assam Police Housing and the SPIO, office of the Tourism Department, Govt. of Assam for pending information, if any.

Fix on **24.08.2016** at **12:45 PM** for next hearing.

Sd/-

Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS (Retd.)  
State Information Commissioner, Assam  
Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-

Deputy Registrar  
Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 29.07.2016

Copy to:

1. The SPIO, office of the Elementary Education Department/PWD (Road/Building)Department/WPT & BC Department/Hill Areas Department/Cultural Affairs Department/Border Areas Department/Home Department/Environment & Forest Department/ Tourism Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati- 781006 for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/Commissioner & Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-781006 for information.
3. Sri Indra Rongphar, Vill- Chirimokam, P.O.- Donkamokam, Dist- Karbi Anglong, Assam, Pin- 782485 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.

Deputy Registrar  
Assam Information Commission