

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

Case No. : SIC/KAN.80/2016
Appellant : Sri Indra Rongphar.
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, East/West/Hamren and Northern Afforestation Divisions, Hamren, Karbi Anglong
Date of hearing : 26.07.2016
Second Appeal heard by : Smt. Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS (Retd.)
State Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
26.07.2016

The petitioner Sri Indra Rongphar has informed vide written statement dated 26.07.2016 that he has not received the information sought for vide his RTI petition dated 17.11.2014 from the SPIO, office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Hamren Division, Karbi Anglong and that he will not be able to attend the hearing today.

The Public Authority is absent without any intimation.

In view of large number of cases pending before the Commission, the matter is taken up for consideration based on records.

On perusal of case records, it appears that the petitioner had filed an RTI petition dated 17.11.2014 before the SPIO, office of the Principal Conservator of Forests and Head of the Forest Force, Assam. The same was transferred to the SPIO, office of the Addl. Principal Conservator of Forests, KAAC, Diphu vide letter dated 27.11.2014. The same was again transferred to the SPIO, office of the Divisional Forest Officers, East/West/Hamren and Northern Afforestation Divisions, Karbi Anglong vide letter dated 12.12.2014. Due to non-receipt of information, the petitioner filed his First Appeal petition dated 10.01.2015 before the Divisional Forest Officer, Hamren Division, Hamren. The petitioner filed Second Appeal petition before the Commission on 18.03.2015.

The Commission observes that there is no evidence of information furnished to the petitioner by the SPIO, office of the Divisional Forest Officers, East/West/Hamren and Northern Afforestation Divisions, Karbi Anglong or any evidence of the First Appellate Authority having disposed of the First Appeal petition.

In view of the fact stated above, the Commission hereby orders as follows:

- i. The SPIO, office of the Divisional Forest Officers, East/West/Hamren and Northern Afforestation Divisions, Karbi Anglong shall furnish the information sought for by the petitioner within 21 days from the date of receipt of this order; and
- ii. The First Appellate Authority *i.e.* the Divisional Forest Officer, Hamren Division, Hamren shall hear and dispose of the First Appeal dated 10.01.2015 with a speaking order within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.

With the above direction, the Second Appeal petition dated 18.03.2015 is hereby disposed of. The Petitioner shall be at liberty to move this Commission with Appeal or Complaint petition as the case may be, if he is not satisfied with the information furnished by the SPIO or due to non-disposal of his First Appeal by the First Appellate Authority.

Sd/-

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

Authenticated true copy.

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Deputy Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Copy to:

1. The SPIO, office of the Divisional Forest Officer, East/West/Hamren and Northern Afforestation Divisions, Hamren, Karbi Anglong, Karbi Anglong for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/Divisional Forest Officer, Hamren Division, Hamren, Dist-Karbi Anglong for information and necessary action.
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