



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

Case No. : SIC/KP(M).348/2016  
Appellant : Sri Harinarayan Pathak  
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the D.C. Cachar, Silchar  
Date of hearing : 15.07.2016  
Second Appeal heard by : Smt. Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS (Retd.)  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
15.07.2016

The petitioner Sri Harinarayan Pathak is present.

The Public Authority is absent without any intimation.

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

During the hearing, the petitioner informed that he had filed an RTI application dated 31.12.2014 before the SPIO, office of the D.C. Cachar seeking for certified photocopies of Official Issue Register of the D.C. Cachar district in respect of countersignature of SC certificates from Sl. No. 975 to 984 of the year 1985-86 and certified photocopy of Public Document, if received for verification by office of the D.C. Cachar district for countersignature of the D.C. Cachar or his authorized signatory in respect of each and every SC certificates issued from Cachar District, Anuchit Jati Parishad, Silchar against the official Sl. No. as mentioned above and name in full of each ACS officer who had countersigned on behalf of the D.C. Cachar.

It is seen that the First Appeal was filed before the D.C. Cachar on 14.02.2015 and reminders filed on 03.03.2015 and 31.03.2015 for non- receipt of information. The D.C. Cachar on 04.04.2015 informed the petitioner that SC certificate register and relevant documents of 1985-86 could not be traced.

It is also seen that the Second Appeal petition was filed before the Commission on 20.04.2015. The petitioner stated that on receipt of the notice from the Commission, the First Appellate Authority disposed the Appeal petition with a speaking order on 08.05.2015, that after hearing and examination of relevant register, the First Appellate Authority was convinced that the register pertaining to the relevant year is missing. Hence, the PIO is not in a position to furnish the required information to the petitioner. The Branch Officer, Caste Certificate Section, Silchar was directed to file an FIR to O/c Sadar regarding missing of the official SC Countersignature register pertaining to the year 1985-86 and also directed the Certificate issuing Authority to produce the counterfoil of the relevant certificate. He was also directed to take up the matter with SDWO and concerned Circle Officer to find out, if any record was available with them regarding issue/countersigning of relevant counterfoil immediately and furnish report within 15 days.

The petitioner stated that he had requested the D.C. Cachar vide letter dated 25.05.2015 to furnish him a copy of the FIR submitted by the Branch Officer in compliance to his order dated 08.05.2015 but did not receive any reply. He however mentioned during the hearing that he had received a copy of the FIR filed by the Branch Officer in reply to a separate RTI petition filed by him. It appears that the petitioner has filed separate RTI petitions on the same subject. As such the Commission directs the petitioner to verify his records of pending RTI petition as well as Appeal petition and to withdraw the multiple petitions on the same subject to save the Public Authority and the Appellate Authority from doing unnecessary work.

The petitioner requested for a copy of the action taken report on the order of the D.C. Cachar dated 08.05.2015. The Commission therefore directs the SPIO, office of the D.C. Cachar to furnish the status report on action taken on the order of the D.C. Cachar dated 08.05.2015 to the petitioner within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

With the above direction, the Second Appeal petition dated 20.04.2015 is disposed.

Sd/-

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

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Deputy Registrar  
Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 15.07.2016

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2. The First Appellate Authority/Deputy Commissioner, Cachar, Silchar, Assam, Pin-788001 for information.
3. Sri Harinarayan Pathak, Padumpukhuri, Uzan Bazaar, Guwahati-1 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
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