



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

Case No. : SIC/NLB.37/2016  
Appellant : Md. Sahadat Hussain  
Respondent : The SPIO, office of the Child Development Project Officer,  
Mandia ICDS Project, Mandia, Barpeta  
Date of hearing : 26.08.2016  
Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
26.08.2016

The Appellant present.

The CDPO present along with his assistant. A Written Statement dated 24.08.2016 received from the CDPO which is taken on case record.

Perused the case record. It is seen that the Appellant had submitted his Second Appeal dated 20.04.2016 stating that on receipt of demand for cost of photocopying of 8960 pages of documents amounting to Rs.26,880/- through a letter dated 10.12.2015, he had sought the details of estimates through his letter dated 21.12.2015. He had appealed to the Commission to facilitate furnishing of the information to him.

Heard the Appellant. He stated that he was yet to receive the reply from the SPIO.

Perused the W/S. It has been submitted that the RTI Application dated 07.11.2015 had been received on 20.11.2015 and the Applicant had been requested through a letter dated 10.12.2015 *i.e.* within 20 days of receipt of the Application, to pay an amount of Rs.26,880/- (approximately) for photocopying. It has been explained that the information sought for related to 448 Anganwadi Kendras for a period of 6 years. The said centres are located mostly in Char areas and entailing difficult terrain for the purpose of communication. The fact of the Anganwadi workers being lowly paid has also been explained in the context of difficulty in providing information free of cost. Further, the preoccupation of the CDPO and his staff in the work of NRC update has been mentioned.

The Appellant expressed his opinion that he would want the entire information he had sought for through his Application.

A perusal of the RTI Application indicates that the Appellant had sought information in respect of 7 items. The CDPO submitted that he would be able to furnish the information relating to items no. 1, 3, 6 and 7 and for the rest he would direct the Anganwadi Kendras to provide the information if the cost of photocopying is paid.

In view of the facts brought out above, and considering particularly the number of centres, the fact of the centres being scattered over a difficult terrain, the lack of resources available to them, timely communication of the cost of photocopying as also the lack of response from the SPIO to the Appellant relating to detailed estimate as mentioned above, the Commission hereby orders as follows –

1. The SPIO, office of the CDPO, Mandia ICDS Project shall provide the information on items no. 1, 3, 6 and 7 to the Appellant, free of cost, within 10 days of receipt of this order; and

2. The SPIO, office of the CDPO, Mandia ICDS Project shall communicate to the Appellant the detailed cost of photocopying in respect of items 2, 4 and 5 to be furnished by the all the Anganwadi Kendras, within 10 days of receipt of this order. The Appellant shall then deposit the cost of photocopying within 10 days with the SPIO. Thereafter, the SPIO shall obtain the copies of the documents related to the information from the Kendras and provide the same to the Appellant within 21 days (of receipt of the cost of photocopying).

With this, the Second Appeal Petition is disposed of.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary  
State Information Commissioner, Assam  
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Sd/-

Deputy Registrar  
Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 26.08.2016

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1. The SPIO, office of the Child Development Project Officer, Mandia ICDS Project, Mandia, Dist- Barpeta, Assam, Pin- 781301 for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/Child Development Project Officer, Mandia ICDS Project, Mandia, Dist- Barpeta, Assam, Pin- 781301 for information.
3. Md. Sahadat Hussain, S/o- Nayebur Rahman, Vill- Banpura, P.O.- Banpura, Dist- Nalbari, Assam, Pin- 781138 for information.
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