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

Case No. : **KP(M) 522/2016**

Complainant/ appellant : Smti Neeta Thakuria

Respondent : PCCF and HOFF, Assam

Date of hearing : **07-9-2016**

Complaint/ Second : Shri H. S. DAS, IAS(Retd)

appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER

The petitioner Smti Neeta Thakuria is present accompanied by her husband Sri B. C. Thakuria. The public authority is represented by:- (1) Md. Saidul Islam, SPIO of the office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and HOFF, Assamm, Panjabari, Guwahati-37.

The complaint petition dated 28-1-2016 with reference to the petitioner's RTI petition dated 28-9-2015, seeking informations on T.A Bills drawn by Sri V. K. Vishnoi ,IFS during his tenure as PCCF and HOFF with details of air ticket etc. is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

The SPIO of the office of PCCF and HOFF, Govt. of Assam, has made a written submission dated 6th September, 2016 stating that vide letter dated 15-10-2015 the petitioner was informed that the sought for information, being a 3rd party information, could not be furnished.

This was followed by a complaint petition dated 28-1-2016 before this Commission.

The petitioner made a written prayer that she is still interested in getting the information, and, therefore, wanted to convert the complaint petition dated 28-1-2016 into a second appeal petition. Her prayer is granted.

The SPIO stated that the required information is available , though it is voluminous.

This Commission is of the view that T.A Bills of a public servant cannot be exempted from disclosure on the ground of being 3rd party information. This Commission, therefore, directs the SPIO of the office of PCCF and HOFF to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant records and documents during office hours on any working day, within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order and allow the petitioner to take notes and photocopies of the required admissible documents free of cost up to 25 pages and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional page of photocopy.

With the above order the converted second appeal petition dated 28-1-2016 is disposed of

Sd/-(H.S.Das)

Chief Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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Sd/Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Copy to:

- 1. Md Saidul Islam, SPIO of the office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and HOFF, Assamm,Panjabari, Guwahati-37 for information and necessary action, as ordered above.
- 2. Smti Neeta Thakuria, C/O Sri B. C. Thakuria, 44-A. T.G. Road, Santipur, Guwahati-9 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.
- 5. Order Book.

Registrar
Assam Information Commission