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

Case No. :MRN.2/2013

Complainant/ appellant :Sri Prafulla Kr. Das

Respondent :Deputy Commissioner, Morigaon

Date of hearing :23-8-2016

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

appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

#### ORDER

The petitioner Sri Prafulla Kr. Das is present, accompanied by his wife Smti Anamika Das. The public authority is represented by :- (1) Md Abdul Ali, BDO. Moirabari Development Block, (2) Sri Partha Pratim Saikia, SPIO, Moirabari Development Block, and (3) Sri Jitendra Nath . Accountant of the same office.

The matter is taken up for review in pursuance of this Commission's earlier order dated 5-7-2016. Project Director, DRDA, Moirabari has sent a detailed written submission dated 18-8-2016 giving the sequence of actions taken on the petitioner's RTI petition dated 28-5-2012.

In the concluding paragraph of his written statement the Project Director has mentioned that the approximate cost of photo copy of the documents sought for by the petitioner may amount to Rs. 5 lakhs. Since no fund is available in the Block office for this purpose, it is not possible for the BDO to furnish the information to the petitioner, free of cost. The Project Director has also mentioned that the petitioner was invited to collect the available information from the BDO's office on more than one occasions. The petitioner did not cooperate. The information sought for by the petitioner appears to be voluminous.

This Commission, therefore, directs the SPIO in the office of the BDO Moirabari, District- Morigaon to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant records and documents as available with him and as is required to be held by him, during office hours, on any working day within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order and allow him to take notes and photo copies thereof, free of cost up to 50 pages and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional page of photo copy.

As for information sought for by the petitioner which are held by the public authorities other than the BDO's office, i.e., by GPSS etc. the SPIO of the office of the BDO, Moirabari is directed to give a list of such public authorities to the petitioner and advise the petitioner to file separate RTI petitions before those public authorities.

The SPIO of BDO's office submitted the original copy of the Treasury Challan dated 16-8-2016, by which he paid the penalty of Rs. 15,000/- as imposed by this Commission vide its order dated 5-7-2016.

With the above order and observation, the second appeal petition dated 29-9-2012 and complaint petition dated 20-4-2016 are disposed of.

Sd/-(H.S.Das)

Chief Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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Assam Information Commission

#### Memo No.SIC/ MRN/2/13/58-A

### Dated.23-8-2016

## Copy to:

- 1. Md Abdul Ali, BDO. Moirabari Development Block, District- Morigaon for information.and necessary action as ordered above.
- 2. Sri Prafulla Kr. Das, Vill- Athgaon Chapario, P.O- Dhing, Dist- Morigaon for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.
- 5. Order Book

Registrar Assam Information Commission