



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

Case No. : SIC/KAN.11/2015
Complainant : Sri Indra Rongphar
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Executive Engineer, PHE, Howraghat Water Supply Division, Karbi Anglong
Date of hearing : 10.08.2016
Complaint heard by : Smt. Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS (Retd.)
State Information Commissioner, Assam

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10.08.2016

The petitioner Sri Indra Rongphar is absent without any intimation.

The Public Authority is represented by Sri Tankeshwar Laskar, SPIO, office of the Executive Engineer (PHE), Howraghat Water Supply Division, Karbi Anglong.

From the written statement submitted by the SPIO dated 09.08.2016, it appears that the petitioner was directed to deposit an amount of RS. 14, 300/- being the charges of photocopies of the documents sought for. He was also requested to visit the office of the Executive Engineer (PHE), Howraghat Water Supply Division vide letter dated 04.09.2015 to see the records personally and take notes thereof in case he chose not pay the requisite cost of photocopy of records within 3 days from the date of receipt of the letter.

On perusal of the Complaint petition, it appears that the petitioner had complained that the cost analysis prepared by the Public Authority is unreasonable and exceeded the common usual rate. The Commission observes that the rate fixed for photocopying is on the higher side but the petitioner should have visited the office of the SPIO, Executive Engineer (PHE), Howraghat Water Supply Division to see the records and take notes thereof and also could have requested the SPIO for revision of the cost.

The Commission therefore directs the petitioner to approach the SPIO, office of the Executive Engineer (PHE), Howraghat Water Supply Division within 7 days from the date of receipt of this order and inspect the relevant records and documents, if he is interested any further to receive the information. The SPIO, office of the Executive Engineer (PHE), Howraghat Water Supply Division shall allow the petitioner to take notes and photocopies of the documents sought for, free of cost, upto 20 pages of photocopies and thereafter on payment of Rs.2/- for every additional page of photocopy within 15 days, if the petitioner approaches them within 7 days.

With the above direction, the Complaint petition dated 11.09.2015 is disposed of.

Sd/-

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

Authenticated true copy

Sd/-

Deputy Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/KAN.11/2015/ 11-A

Dtd.10.08.2016

Copy to:

1. The SPIO, office of the Executive Engineer, PHE, Howraghat Water Supply Division, Dist-Karbi Anglong, Assam-782481 information.

2. Sri Indra Rongphar, Vill-Chirimokam, PO-Donkamokam, Dist- Karbi Anglong, Diphu, Assam for information.

3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.

Deputy Registrar

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