

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

Case No. : SIC/GLT.12/2015
Appellant : Sri Bijoy Kutum.
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Chief Conservator of Forest, Assam, Guwahati
Date of hearing : 21.09.2016
Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,
State Information Commissioner, Assam

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21.09.2016

The Appellant absent without information.

The SPIO present along with a Written Statement dated 20.09.2016 which is taken on the case record.

Perused the case record. It is seen that the Appellant had submitted his Second Appeal being aggrieved at not receiving the information sought for by him in point no. 1 of his RTI Application. He submitted that although he had received full information in respect of point no. 2 of his Application he has not received any intimation relating to cost of photocopying etc. in respect of information sought through point no. 1.

Perused the W/S. The W/S details the action taken including communication dated 29.09.2014 of the cost of photocopying of 1011 pages of documents pertaining to appointment of 1036 persons. Although he had submitted the Second Appeal dated 16.12.2014 that is after the aforementioned letter of 29.09.2014, the Appellant did not mention the request for depositing the cost for photocopying.

In the absence of the Appellant, it could not be ascertained as to whether he had received the said letter from the SPIO subsequently to his filing of the First Appeal. The SPIO could not provide any evidence on record of dispatch of the said letter to the Appellant.

In view of the facts brought out above and particularly considering the fact that the number of documents to be photocopied is significantly high, the Commission hereby orders that the SPIO shall offer an opportunity to the Appellant to inspect the documents in his office by fixing a mutually convenient date on any working days, within 10 days of receipt of this order. The Appellant shall inspect the records and take notes etc. according to his requirement and if photocopies of certain documents are essential, request the SPIO in writing specifying those documents, whereupon the latter (the SPIO) shall provide the photocopies of documents upto 50 pages free of cost and the Appellant shall bear the cost of photocopying beyond that number. The entire exercise of inspection and furnishing of photocopies shall be completed within 3 days of beginning thereof. This order is made with a view to obviate any burden of resources on the SPIO and the Appellant as well.

With this, the Second Appeal Petition is disposed of.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary
State Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-
Deputy Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Copy to:

1. The SPIO, office of the Chief Conservator of Forest, Govt. of Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati- 781037 for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/Chief Conservator of Forest, Govt. of Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati- 781037 for information.
3. Sri Bijoy Kutum, President, Gana Sewa Sammittee, Bokakhat, P.O.- Bokakhat, Dist- Golaghat, Assam, Pin- 785612 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.

Deputy Registrar

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