

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

Case No. : SIC/KMJ.92/2016

Appellant : Smti. Mahua Dey Purkayastha

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Commissioner, Panchayat and Rural

Development, Assam

Date of hearing : 14.09.2016

Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,

State Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 14.09.2016

The SPIO and the Appellant are absent. However, Written Statements dated 09.09.2016 and 01.09.2016 have been received from the Joint Director, office of the Commissioner, Panchayat and Rural Development and the Appellant respectively. The Appellant has conveyed her apology for her inability to attend today's hearing.

Perused the case record. It is seen that through her RTI Application, the Appellant wanted to know the reasons for non-payment of GIS savings money overdue inspite of repeated prayers. The Appellant filed her Second Appeal dated 28.04.2015 after she failed to receive a reply from the SPIO and response to her First Appeal dated 19.12.2014.

Perused the Written Statement of the Public Authority. Through the W/S, it has been submitted that the Appellant was subsequently informed of the sanction of the savings component from the GIS and the same released to her. It is added that delay in releasing the fund happened on account a mistake in her date of birth in the first sanction which resulted in further correspondence from the BDO and sanction of the amount for a second time.

Perused the Appellant's W/S. It has been submitted that she had in the meantime received her dues but prayed for an order for payment of interest on the delay in payment.

In view of the facts brought out above, it is seen that the information sought for by the Appellant has been provided and the issue of payment of interest on the delayed payment of her GIS savings is beyond the purview of the RTI Act, 2005. The appropriate authority to be appealed to for such compensation would be the competent departmental authorities. The Commission therefore hereby disposes of the Second Appeal. The Appellant shall however be at liberty to approach the appropriate authority in government for any compensation for the delay in payment of her dues which she has sought in her Appeal to the Commission.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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- 1. The SPIO, Office of the Commissioner, Panchayat and Rural Development, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-781037 for information.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority/Commissioner, Panchayat and Rural Development, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-781037 for information.
- 3. Smti. Mahua Dey Purkayastha, Retired E.O. (WEE), Longai Road, Ward No.-2, Settlement Road, P.O.- Karimganj, Dist- Karimganj, Assam, Pin- 788712 for information.
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