

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

Case No. : SIC/OS.3/2016

Appellant : Shri Rohit Choudhury

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Director, Kaziranga National Park & Tiger

Reserve, Bokakhat, Golaghat

Date of hearing : 06.09.2016

Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,

State Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 06.09.2016

The Appellant absent without information.

The SPIO present. He has submitted a Written Statement dated 05.09.2016 along with copies of two letters as enclosures. A Written Statement dated 02.09.2016 has been received from the First Appellate Authority/Director, Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve, Bokakhat.

Perused the case record. It is seen that the Appellant had submitted his Second Appeal dated 17.10.2015 before the Commission stating that he had not received the information he had sought for through his Application dated 03.06.2015, and that the FAA had not disposed of his First Appeal dated 15.07.2015.

Perused the W/S from the FAA. Through the W/S, the FAA has informed that being preoccupied with an urgent meeting he has deputed the SPIO of his office to attend today's hearing.

Perused the W/S from the SPIO. It has been submitted that the RTI Application was received on 11.06.2015 and transferred to the SPIO, office of the D.F.O., Eastern Assam Wildlife Division, Bokakhat through a letter dated 16.06.2015. It has further been submitted that the information sought for was provided by the said SPIO through a letter dated 22.06.2015.

Heard the SPIO. He has confirmed the above facts about furnishing of the information and stated that the First Appeal was not disposed of by the FAA.

The document submitted by the SPIO does not contain any evidence such as copy of postal receipt of dispatch of the said letter dated 22.06.2015. The Appellant has not referred to any correspondence from the SPIO in this regard. He has not mentioned, too, that he had received the endorsement of the letter by which the RTI Application had been transferred.

In view of the facts brought out above and considering that the Appellant may not have received the letter through which the DFO, Eastern Assam Wildlife Division, Bokakhat had provided him with the information, namely, the letter no. B/WG/RTI/2015/5742 dated 22.06.2015, the Commission hereby orders that the SPIO shall provide the same to the Appellant, free of cost, by registered post, within 7 days of receipt of this order.

With this, the Second Appeal Petition is disposed of.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary
State Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-

Deputy Secretary
Assam State Information Commission

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- 1. The SPIO, Office of the Director, Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve, Bokakhat, Dist-Golaghat, Assam Pin- 785612 for information and necessary action.
- 2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Eastern Assam Wildlife Division Division, Kaziranga National Park, Bokakhat, Dist- Golaghat, Assam Pin- 785612 for information.
- 3. The First Appellate Authority/Director, Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve, Bokakhat, Dist- Golaghat, Assam Pin- 785612 for information.
- 4. Shri Rohit Choudhury, N-71, Lower Ground Floor, Greater Kailash Part-1, New Delhi- 48 for information.
- 5. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
 - 6. Office File.

Deputy Secretary Assam State Information Commission