

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

Case No. : SIC/CCR.135/2014

Complainant : Sri Fokrul Islam Laskar

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Additional Chief Engineer/Public Information

Officer, Cachar & Hills Water Resource Department.

Date of hearing : 02.09.2016.

Complaint heard by : Smt. Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS (Retd.)

State Information Commissioner, Assam

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The petitioner Sri Fokrul Islam Laskar is present.

The public authority is represented by Sri Gobin Ch. Kalita, Additional Chief Engineer, Cachar & Hills Water Resource Department, Shri Chanda Moni Das, Sr. Assistant and Sri Anshuman Chakraborty, Junior Assistant, Office of the Chief Engineer, Cachar & Hills Water Resource Department. The Additional Chief Engineer stated that he has joined recently on February, 2016 and he was not aware of the details and matter has come to his notice only on receipt of the notice from the Commission.

The SPIO cum Deputy Director (Design), Cachar & Hills Water Resource Department has stated that the RTI application dated 19.08.2014 was received by the Office and same was transferred to the Hailakandi Division for furnishing information to the petitioner. On receipt of the complaint petition dated 21.10.2014 on 23.08.2016, same was again sent to the Hailakandi Division, Cachar & Hills Water Resource Department to furnish the information immediately. The Executive Engineer, Hailakandi Division vide letter dated 24.08.2016 had furnished the information to the petitioner.

The petitioner present stated that he has received all the information except information relating to Bill Vouchers and Utilization Certificates of the scheme of "Protection of erosion from river Barak of Bagmara at Katakhal area" and "M & R to anti-erosion at Panchgram Das Colony".

The Additional Chief Engineer present stated that furnishing all the photocopies of Bill Vouchers would be voluminous and also would involve huge expenditure for making photocopies. The Commission, therefore, directs the petitioner to inspect relevant Bill Vouchers and Utilization Certificates in the office of the concerned Executive Engineer within 15(fifteen) days from the date of receipt of this order and complete inspection of documents during office hour within 2(two) days.

The Additional Chief Engineer/Executive Engineer concerned is also directed to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant documents as above and allow him to take notes and photocopies of the documents, free of cost, upto 50(fifty) copies and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional page of photocopy.

With the above directions, the complaint petition dated 21.10.2014 which is actually an appeal petition praying for furnishing of full information is disposed of.

Sd/-

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

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Sd/Deputy Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO, O/o the Additional Chief Engineer/Public Information Officer, Cachar & Hills Water Resource Department for information and necessary action.
- 2. Sri Fokrul Islam Laskar, C/o Habib Ahmed Laskar, Vill- Kanakpur, Pt-I, P.O.-Kanakpur, Silchar-6, Cachar, Pin 788 001, Assam for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

Deputy Registrar Assam Information Commission