



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

Case No. : SIC/KAN.84/2016
Appellant : Sri Indra Rongphar
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Executive Engineer, Bokajan Irrigation
Division, Sarihajan Karbi Anglong
Date of hearing : 19.08.2016
Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary
State Information Commissioner, Assam

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19.08.2016

The Appellant is absent without information.

The Public Authority is represented by Sri Dalim Patowary, SPIO, office of the Executive Engineer, Bokajan Irrigation Division, Sarihajan Karbi Anglong.

Heard the SPIO. He submitted that on receipt of the hearing notice from the Commission in respect of a hearing scheduled on 30.07.2016, he had intimated to the Appellant the cost of photocopying the documents required to be provided in connection with the information sought for but that he has not received any response from him. On being pointed out that the cost of photocopying could not be charged on the Appellant after the expiry of 30 days from the date of receipt of the RTI Application, the SPIO submitted that the number of documents would be approximately 780 pages and the photocopying of this documents would demand substantial resources both in financial and manpower terms and therefore it would be helpful if the Appellant inspects the documents in his office.

Perused the case record. It is seen that the Appellant had submitted his RTI Application dated 01.08.2015 to the SPIO, office of the Addl. Chief Engineer, Irrigation, Zone-IV, Diphu, Karbi Anglong seeking information pertaining to Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) implemented in the KAAC area. He however submitted his Second Appeal before the Commission pertaining to the SPIO, office of the Executive Engineer, Bokajan Division, Irrigation, Sarihajan, Karbi Anglong only.

In the absence of the Appellant his views relating to the specific number of documents required by him could not be ascertained.

In view of the facts brought out above, the Commission hereby orders that the Appellant shall, within 10 days of receipt of this order, contact the SPIO and inspect the documents related to the information he had sought on a day mutually convenient to him and the SPIO, take notes and indicate the documents which would be essentially required by him. The SPIO shall provide, free of cost, upto 50 pages of the documents and the Appellant shall pay for the rest of the copies. The entire exercise shall have to be completed within 3 (three) days of beginning of the inspection.

With this, Second Appeal Petition is hereby dispose of.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary
State Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Deputy Registrar
Assam Information Commission

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1. The SPIO, office of the Executive Engineer, Bokajan Irrigation Division, Sarihajan Karbi Anglong, Dist-Karbi Anglong, Assam for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/ Executive Engineer, Bokajan Irrigation Division, Sarihajan Karbi Anglong, Dist-Karbi Anglong, Assam for information.
3. Sri Indra Rongphar, Vill-Chirimokam, PO-Donkamokam, Dist- Karbi Anglong, Diphu, Assam for information and necessary action.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.

Deputy Registrar

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