

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

Case No. : **KP(R) 8/2016**
Complainant/ appellant : **Md. Azizur Rahman**
Respondent : **Principal, Rangia Arabic College**
Date of hearing : **19-9-2016**
Complaint/ Second : **Shri H. S. DAS, IAS(Retd)**
appeal heard by : **State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam**

O R D E R

The petitioner Md. Azizur Rahman is present. The public authority is represented by :- Md. Shamsul Haque Saikia, I/c Principal, Rania Arabic College, Rangia , Kamrup, (2) Sri Sanjib Kr. Phukan, Asstt. Academis Officer & SPIO of the office of Director , Madrasa Education, Assam, and (3) Sri Dilip Kr. Deka, Jr. Asstt., office of the Director of Madrasa Education, Assam.

In I/c Principal of Rangia Arabic College has submitted a written submission dated 19th September, 2016 . In his written statement he has stated that one day before the last date of hearing on 18-8-2016 he had sent an e-mail to the Secretary of this Commission instead of to the Registrar of this Commission. It was not found in the case records before hearing the matter on 19-8-2016, and even thereafter.

Anyway, a copy of the e-mail communication have been enclosed with the written statement dated 19-8-2016. In his written statement the I/c Principal of the Rangia Arabic College has stated that vide letter dated 5-8-2015 he had furnished the required information to the petitioner and he had also mentioned in his letter dated 5-8-2015 furnishing the information that if the petitioner needs any additional documents which might not have not been furnished , he may ask for the same and efforts would be made by the I/c Principal to furnish the same. The Principal has enclosed a copy of letter dated 5-8-2015 duly received by the petitioner along with the written statement which is entered into the case records. It is mentioned in the letter dated 5-8-2015 that the information furnished to the petitioner contained 277 pages, which in the opinion of this Commission is voluminous.

On perusal of the case records it appears that the RTI petition dated 27-5-2015 was followed by first appeal petition dated 13-7-2015, which was heard and disposed of by the Director of Madrasa Education with a speaking order dated 24th August, 2015, directing the Principal of Rangia Arabic College to furnish the required information. They have submitted a written statement which is entered into the case records.

On perusal of the original RTI petition dated 27-5-2015 also it appears that the informations sought for by the petitioner covers a period from 2000 and several aspects of functioning and administrative matters of the college.

This Commission is of the opinion that furnishing such voluminous information will require large scale of compilation and will disproportionately divert the resources of the college authorities , whose primary responsibility is to impart education to the students.

In his second appeal petition the only ground adduced by the petitioner is that the I/c Principal furnished wrong information to misguide him. The petitioner has not specified , as is required under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act. 2005, as to which part of the information furnished to him were wrong.

The Commission, therefore, asked the petitioner to be specific as to what additional information he required. The Principal I/c of the College stated that since 2000 there have been 5 Principals, including himself in the college. Two of them have already expired. In the entire college there are 362 students and only 8 teachers at present without any subordinate clerical staff. Therefore, compilation of the voluminous information , as sought for by the petitioner, will cause disproportionate burden on his manpower. He further stated that some information which were in the custody of the retired Principals may not be available. To this the petitioner submitted that he will be satisfied if the informations, for the period during the tenure of the present Principal I/c , i..e, from May, 2012 till the date of the RTI petition i.e., 27-5-2015 , is furnished to him. The petitioner further submitted that the only additional information required by him are the attested photocopies of the minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee of the college, in as is where is position, from May, 2012 till 27-5-2015.

The Commission, therefore, directs the Principal, I/c of Rangia Arabic College to furnish the above information to the petitioner by Registered A/D post within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order at the new address given by the petitioner in his second appeal petition, free of cost.

**“Md. Azizur Rahman,
Danish Bhawan (Behind Panchayat Bhawan), Rangia,
P.O-Rangia, Kamrup, Assam, Pin-781 354”**

**Sd/-
(H.S.Das)**

**Chief Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati**

**Authenticated true copy.
Sd/-
Registrar
Assam Information Commission**

Memo No.SIC/KP(R) 8/2016 /28-A

Dated.19-09-2016

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1. Md. Shamsul Haque Saikia, I/c Principal, Rania Arabic College, Rangia , Kamrup, for information and necessary action.
2. Md. Azizur Rahman, Danish Bhawan, (Back side of Panchayat Bhawan) Ward No. 5, P.O- Rangia, District- Kamrup (Rural), PIN-781 354 for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

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Assam Information Commission**