

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

Case No. : **MRN.4/2015**

Complainant/ appellant : **Sri Panda Lal Chouhan**

Respondent : **SPIO O/o Deputy Registrar, Gauhati University**

Date of hearing : **14-9-2016**

Complaint/ Second : **Shri H. S. DAS, IAS(Retd)**
appeal heard by : **State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam**

O R D E R

The petitioner Sri Panda Lal Chauhan is present accompanied by his Advocate Smti Suchitra Das Choudhury. The public authority to be represented by the SPIO of the office of Principal Bhuragaon college, P.O-Bhuragaon, District-Morigaon is absent without any information.

The second appeal petition dated 19-6-2015 is taken up for hearing ex parte in the absence of the public authority.

From perusal of the case records it is seen that the petitioner filed an RTI petition dated 5-9-2014 addressed to the SPIO-cum- Deputy Registrar of Gauhati University.

By a letter dated 22-9-2014 the PIO-cum- Deputy Registrar of Gauhati University transferred the RTI application under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Principal of Bhuragaon college . The Deputy Registrar, Gauhati University advised the Principal to furnish the required information to the applicant within 30 days from the date of receipt of the transferred RTI petition.

When asked by this Commission the petitioner/appellant deposed that the Bhuragaon College is a private college in receipt of financial assistance and other benefits from the Government. Hence, although not a Govt. college it qualifies to be treated as public authority under Section 2(h) of the RTI Act, 2005 on the ground that it has received substantial financial assistance from the Govt. The advocate for the appellant prayed for 30 days' time to substantiate her contention that Bhuragaon college is a public authority under Section 2(h) of the RTI Act, 2005.

In their absence the Principal/SPIO of the college could not be heard. As prayed by the appellant 30 days time is granted .

Fix **15-10-2016 at 11.30 A.M** for next hearing.

Issue notice to both the parties for appearance on the next date.

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

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

Authenticated true copy.

**Sd/-
Registrar
Assam Information Commission**

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Dated.14-09-2016

Copy to:

1. SPIO of the office of Principal Bhuragaon college, P.O-Bhuragaon, District-Morigaon for information and necessary action.
2. Sri Pandalar Chauhan, Vill-Bhimorali, P.O- Padumpukhuri, Dist- Morigaon, Assam for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

**Registrar
Assam Information Commission**