

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

Case No. : SIC/CCR.123/2014

Complainant : Shri A.K. Laskar, General Secretary, BVDF.

Respondent : The SPIO, office of the Block Development Officer,

Palonghat Dev. Block, Cachar.

Date of hearing : 14.10.2016.

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

State Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 14.10.2016

The Petitioner Shri A.K. Laskar is absent, but he has submitted a Written Statement dated 07.10.2016 requesting to fix another date for hearing as he would not be able to attend the hearing due to unavoidable circumstances.

The Public Authority is represented by Shri P.K. Das, Block Development Officer, Palonghat Dev. Block, Cachar. He has stated that information sought for had been furnished vide letter dated 27.01.2014, but same was not responded by the Petitioner. On perusal of letter dated 27.01.2014 enclosed, it appears that the Petitioner was directed by the Block Development Officer, Palonghat Dev. Block, Cachar to attend the office of the Block Development Officer on any working day with prior information to Smt. Sarbatun Nessa Laskar, Sr. Asstt. (Accountant) to see the records, if necessary, notes may be taken from available records. The GP Secretaries were also requested to take similar action for information relating to Gaon Panchayats.

On perusal of RTI Petition dated 08.01.2014, it appears that the information sought for relates to several categories of information for several years, i.e.2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14. Furnishing of information by making photocopies will involve huge expenditure.

The Commission, therefore, directs the Petitioner to inspect the relevant office records and documents in the office of the Block Development Officer, Palonghat Dev. Block, Cachar and office of the concerned GP Secretaries within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order and complete the inspection of documents during office hours within 2 working days with prior intimation to the concerned office.

The Block Development Officer, Palonghat Dev. Block, Cachar and GP Secretaries are also directed to allow the Petitioner to inspect the relevant documents and allow him to take notes and photocopies of documents sought for, free of cost, upto 30 copies and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional page of photocopy.

With the above directions, the Complaint Petition dated 02.06.2014 is disposed of.

Sd/-

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

Authenticated true copy

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Deputy Registrar Assam Information Commission

Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO, Office of the Block Development Office, Palonghat Dev. Block, P.O. Palonghat, District Cachar, Pin 788 116 for information.
- 2. Shri A.K. Laskar, General Secretary, BVDF, Silchar, Vill. & P.O. Neairgram Pt.-II, District Cachar, Pin 788 013 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

Deputy Registrar Assam Information Commission