

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

Case No. : SIC/NGN.101/2016  
Appellant : Shri Durgeswar Das  
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the BDO, Bajiagaon Dev. Block, Nagaon  
Date of hearing : 17.11.2016  
Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
17.11.2016

Shri Sorman Ali Mollah, Block Dev. Officer, Bajiagaon Dev. Block, Nagaon as the SPIO and Smt. Juri Saikia, Extension Officer, Bajiagaon Dev. Block are present. The SPIO has submitted a Written Statement dated 15.11.2016.

The Appellant Shri Durgeswar Das is present.

Perused the Written Statement. It has been submitted that the RTI Application dated 27.01.2016 have been received on 05.03.2016 on transfer from PD, DRDA, Nagaon, and on the very next day a letter was written to the Appellant seeking the cost of photocopying documents by registered post. The information could not be furnished for want of response from the Appellant.

Heard the Appellant. He submitted that he had received the aforementioned letter late as the same was posted only on 07.04.2016.

The photocopy of the postal receipt enclosed with the Written Statement bears out the submission of the Appellant.

The SPIO submitted that he would be in a position to furnish the information within three days.

It is seen that the aforementioned letter seeking the cost of photocopying was posted by the SPIO's office one month after the date of the letter, and therefore the cost of the photocopy is not recoverable from the Appellant.

In view of the facts brought out above, the Commission hereby orders that the SPIO shall provide the information sought for by the Appellant through its RTI Application dated 27.01.2016, free of cost, within 10 days of receipt of this order.

The Second Appeal is hereby disposed of.

Sd/-  
Pinuel Basumatary  
State Information Commissioner, Assam  
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Dy. Registrar  
Assam State Information Commission  
Memo No. SIC/NGN.101/2016

Dtd. 17.11.2016

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1. The SPIO, O/o the BDO, Bajiagaon Dev. Block, Nagaon for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/PD, DRDA, Nagaon for information.
3. The Appellant, Shri Durgeswar Das, Residence of Christian Patty, PO- Nagaon, Nagaon- 782 001, Assam for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.

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