

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

Case No. : KP(M).454/2016

Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Satya Prasad Barua

Respondent : SPIO of GEC-1, APDCL (LAR), Guwahati

Date of hearing : 5.12.2016

Complaint/ Second : Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Rtd)

Appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 5.12.2016

The petitioner Shri Satya Prasad Barua is present accompanied by Shri Debajit Goswami to assist him. The public authority is represented by:- (1) Mr. Nuruzzaman, CEO, GEC-1, APDCL, LAR, and (2) Mr. Santanu Bose, SDE, Ulubari Electrical Sub-Division, APDCL, LAR, Guwahati-7. The second appeal petition dated 15.7.16 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

From perusal of the case records it is seen that the petitioner Shri Satya Prasad Barua vide his RTI petition dated 27.2.16 filed before the SPIO of the office of the DGM, GEC-1, APDCL (LAR), Ulubari, Guwahati-7 seeking information about the name and number of the office file which contains the papers concerning sanction of electrical service connection to Shri Ubedur Rahman, Hafiz Nagar, Guwahati, consumer No. 0051702601206403. The first appellate authority i.e. General Manager of APDCL heard the matter and passed an order dated 15th June, 2016 referring to section 11 (of the RTI Act, 2005) dealing with third party information.

This Commission is the view that the name and number of an office file is a public information in possession of the concerned public authority. It does not fall within the category of third party information because the petitioner did not ask for copies of contents of the file, which may or may not be third party information. At this stage, therefore, the information sought for cannot be categorised as third party information and therefore, this Commission directs the SPIO and CEO, GEC-1, APDCL (LAR) to furnish the sought for information to the petitioner within 7 days from the date of this order, which was pronounced in presence of both the parties.

With the above order, the second appeal petition dated 15.7.16 is disposed of.

Sd/-(H. S. Das) Chief Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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Sd/Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/KP(M).454/2016/35-A

Dtd. 5.12.2016

Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO of the office DGM, GEC-1, APDCL (LAR), Ulubari, Assam, Guwahati-7 for information and necessary action.
- 2. Shri Satya Prasad Barua, House No. 44, Hemgiri Path, Ashram Road, Ulubari, Guwahati-781 007 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.
- 5. Order Book.

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