

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

Case No. : BNG. 61/2016
Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Sujit Debnath
Respondent : BDO, Manikpur Development Block/ Secretary, Alukhunda GP
Date of hearing : 6.12.2016
Complaint/ Second : Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Rtd)
Appeal heard by : Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R

6.12.2016

The petitioner Shri Sujit Debnath is present. The public authority to be represented by the Secretary Alukhunda GP, Manikpur, Dist. Bongaigaon, Assam and the first appellate authority – the BDO, Manipur Dev. Block, Dist. Bongaigaon – both are absent. However, the BDO of Manipur Dev. Block has sent a written submission dated 30.11.16, which is entered into the case records. In his WS the BDO has stated that 30.9.16 was fixed for hearing the first appeal petition dated 12.9.16 filed by the petitioner. But due to Assam Bandh on that day, the hearing did not take place. Meanwhile the BDO directed the Secretary of Alukhunda GP to furnish the required information to the petitioner which was kept ready as mentioned in the BDO's WS.

From perusal of the RTI petition dated 1.8.16 it is seen that the informations sought for is against different items of implementation of MSDP and IAY schemes under the Alukhunda GP during the five years period 2011 to 2016. The informations sought for appears to be voluminous, photocopying of which is likely to disproportionately divert the resources of the concerned public authority, i.e. Alukhunda GP. This Commission, therefore, directs, as a practical step, the Secretary of Alukhunda GP to allow the petitioner to inspect all relevant records and documents during office hours within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order and also allow him to take notes and photocopies of required documents free of cost up to 50 pages and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2.00 for every additional page of photocopy.

With the above order, the second appeal petition dated 24.10.16 is disposed of.

Sd/-

(H. S. Das)

Chief Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Registrar

Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/BNG.61/2016/10-A

Dtd. 6.12.2016

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1. The Block Dev. Officer, Manikpur Dev. Block, Dist. Bongaigaon, Assam for information.
2. the Secretary, Alukhunda Gaon Panchayat, Manikpur, Dist. Bongaigaon, Assam for information and necessary action.
3. Shri Sujit Debnath, Vill- Ujandubi, PO-Monakocha, PS-Manikpur, dist. Bongaigaon, Assam, PIN- 783391 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.
6. Order Book.

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