



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

Case No. : SIC/BPT.106/2016
Appellant : Shri Bapan Talukdar
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Principal, Baghmara HS School, Barpeta
Date of hearing : 21.12.2016
Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,
State Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
21.12.2016

The SPIO, O/o the Principal, Baghmara HS School, Barpeta is absent but has submitted a Written Statement dated 21.12.2016.

The Appellant, Shri Bapan Talukdar is present.

Perused the Written Statement. The Principal, Baghmara HS School, Barpeta has detailed the action taken to furnish the information. He has submitted that he was ready with photocopies of documents to be provided to the Appellant.

The First Appellate Authority/Inspector of School, Barpeta to whom the RTI Application dated 10.02.2016 had been submitted has not apprised the Commission about the steps he might have taken to dispose of the First Appeal dated 02.07.2016 in accordance with the RTI Act, 2005.

Heard the Appellant. He submitted that he was not satisfied with the information furnished to him as they were without any documentary evidence. He further submitted that he had not received any decision or order from the FAA/Inspector of School, Barpeta.

A perusal of the case record indicates that the Appellant had sought information relating to mid-day meal, eco club, DNA club and financial assistance received from the Government all pertaining to 2010 onwards.

In the absence of the FAA or his deputy in the hearing, it could not be ascertained as to what action had been taken to dispose of the First Appeal in accordance with the RTI Act, 2005.

In view of the facts brought out above, the Commission hereby orders as follows-

- (i) The SPIO, O/o the Principal, Baghmara HS School, Barpeta shall provide the information along with certified copies of related documents sought for by the Appellant, free of cost, within 10 days of receipt of this order, and
- (ii) The SPIO, O/o the Principal, Baghmara HS School, Barpeta shall submit an explanation as to why penalty shall not be imposed on him U/S 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 for his failure to furnish the information sought for by the Appellant within time stipulated. The SPIO shall submit the explanation to the Commission within 10 days of receipt of this order.

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

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Dy. Registrar
Assam State Information Commission

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1. The SPIO, O/o the Principal, Baghmara HS School, PO-Baghmara Bazar, Distt-Barpeta, Pin-781 328 for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/Inspector of School, BDC, Barpeta, Distt-Barpeta, Assam, Pin-781 301 for information and necessary action.
3. The Appellant, Shri Bapan Talukdar, S/o-Shri Madan Talukdar, R/O-Vill-Baghmara, PO-Baghmara Bazar, Mouza-Manipur PS-Patacharkuchi, Distt-Barpeta, Assam, Pin-781 328 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
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