

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

Case No. : SIC/GLT.109/2016
Appellant/Complainant : Shri Hemanta Kumar Mahamta
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Superintendent ITI, Dhansiri, Barpathar
Date of hearing : 23.12.2016
Complaint heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,
State Information Commissioner, Assam

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23.12.2016

The Superintendent, ITI Dhansiri and an assistant present. He has also submitted a Written Statement dated 19.12.2016.

The Appellant/Complainant absent. However, he has e-mailed a Written Statement.

Perused the Complaint letter dated 22.10.2016. The Complaint is about not furnishing the information on the ground of it being “privileged” documents.

Perused the Complainant’s Written Statement. He has urged the Commission to facilitate furnishing of the information and to impose penalty on the SPIO.

Perused the Written Statement of the Superintendent, ITI Dhansiri. It has been submitted that action had been taken to respond to the RTI Application in accordance with the RTI Act, 2005.

A perusal of the RTI Application dated 22.08.2016 indicates that the Complainant had sought certified details of bank accounts and certified copies of each page of the cash book in hard copies or in a CD for the last three years. He had also submitted that he was a BPL individual and had enclosed a copy of the BPL ration card, although no such enclosure was found.

From the above, it is seen that the documents whose photocopies have been sought are likely to be voluminous and providing hard copies thereof may disproportionately divert the resources of the Public Authority. Taking this into account and the objective stated in the Preamble to the said Act for setting up of a practical regime, the Commission hereby orders that the SPIO/Superintendent, IT Dhansiri, Barpathar shall either provide the information in a CD or allow inspection of the relevant documents during the office hours to the Complainant within a period of 15 days of receipt of this order and the latter i.e., the Complainant shall visit the office of the Superintendent with a minimum of two day’s notice, take notes etc. and indicates to the Superintendent, the specified documents whose photocopies would be essentially required by him. Based on the principles of the reasonableness and practicability, the SPIO/Superintendent shall provide upto 100 copies of documents, free of cost, to the Complainant and the rest on payment by the Complainant at the prescribed rate.

The Complaint/Second Appeal case is hereby disposed of.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary
State Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Dy. Registrar
Assam State Information Commission

Copy to:

1. The SPIO, O/o the Superintendent, ITI Dhansiri, Barpathar, Distt-Golaghat, Assam, Pin-785 602 for information and necessary action.
2. The Appellant/Complainant, Shri Hemanta Kumar Mahanta, Pavajan, PO-Barpathar, Distt-Golaghat, Assam, Pin-785 602 for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.

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