

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

Case No. : BNG.35/2016

Complainant/ Appellant : Md. Safiulla Ahmed

Respondent : District Agriculture Officer, Bongaigaon

Date of hearing : 24.01.2017

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

Appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

## ORDER

24.01.17

The petitioner Md. Safiulllah Ahmed is absent without any information. The public authority is represented by Shri Bijoy Ch. Sarma, PIO of the office of the District Agriculture Officer, Bongaigaon. The petitioner's prayer dated 13.12.16 is taken up for further consideration following this Commission's earlier order dated 27.9.16 with reference to the second appeal petition dated 9.5.14 in absence of the petitioner.

In his prayer dated 13.12.16 the petitioner has stated that in compliance of this Commission's order dated 27.9.19, which was received on 31.10.16, the petitioner went to the office of the District Agriculture Officer, Bongaigaon on 23.11.16 and thereafter two more times. He has alleged that on every occasion he was promised that the required informations will be furnished but on each occasion the promise was not kept. Being exasperated he filed his prayer on 13.12.16.

The SPIO of the office of the DAO, Bongaigaon, however, denied this allegation. The SPIO submitted written statement dated 24.1.17 wherein he has stated that this Commission's order dated 27.9.16 did not reach their office till 22.11.16. After receiving the photocopy of the order from the petitioner, the SPIO issued a letter to the deemed PIO requesting him to allow the RTI petitioner to inspect the relevant records and documents. The petitioner was also advised by the SPIO to come for inspection of relevant records and documents with prior intimation in the presence of the SPIO and the deemed PIO. The petitioner however visited the office of the District Agriculture Officer, Bongaigaon on 13.12.16 suddenly without

prior intimation. The SPIO was in field duty relating to electoral rolls revision. The deemed PIO also was busy with other works and the deemed PIO requested the petitioner to come the next day i.e. 14.12.16. But the petitioner did not turn up again for record inspection and instead filed his complaint petition on 13.12.16.

In view of the contradictory versions of the SPIO and the petitioner regarding inspection of documents, this Commission directs the SPIO once again to allow the petitioner to inspect relevant documents as already ordered vide this Commission's order dated 27.9.16, on any working day on or before 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 subject to at least two days' advance notice to the SPIO of the office of the District Agriculture Officer, Bongaigaon so that both the SPIO and the deemed PIO remain present for inspection of documents by the petitioner on the date intimated by him.

With the above order the second appeal petition dated 9.5.14 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/BNG.35/2016/20-A

Dtd. 24.01.2017

## Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO of the office of the District Agriculture Officer, Bongaigaon, Assam for information and necessary action
- 2. Md. Safiulla Ahmed, Vill- Bhatipara, 2 No. Noapara, PS- Manikpur, District Bongaigaon, Assam, PIN-783392 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.
- 5. Order Book.

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Assam Information Commission