



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

Case No. : KP(M).757/2016
 Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Gobinda Ch. Kalita
 Respondent : Inspector of Schools, Kamrup District Circle, Guwahati
 Date of hearing : 08.02.2017
 Complaint/ Second : Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Rtd)
 Appeal heard by : Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R

08.02.17

The petitioner Shri Gobinda Ch. Kalita is present. He is accompanied by Shri Sumit Biswas to assist him. The public authority is represented by:- (1) Babul Ch. Bania, Planning Officer of the office of the Inspector of Schools, Kamrup District Circle, (Metro), Guwahati, (2) Smti. Jontara Das, Head Mistress incharge of Sri Aurovindo Vidyamandir High School, Ulubari, Guwahati- 7, (3) Shri Bhupen Ch. Das, husband of Head Mistress incharge of Sri Aurovindo vidyamandir High School, and (3) Md. Rahim Uddin Ahmed, Teacher of Sri Aurovindo Vidyamandir High school. The second appeal petition dated 24.10.16 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

The Head Mistress incharge of Sri Aurovindo Vidyamandir High school submitted written statement dated 8.2.17, which is entered into the case records. Mrs. Anaita Kalita Hussain, retired Head Mistress of the school submitted a separate written statement dated 8.2.17, which is also entered into the case records.

The Inspector of Schools, Kamrup District Circle (M) has submitted a written statement dated 7.2.17 stating that the Head Mistress of Sri Aurovindo Vidyamandir High school was instructed to furnish the required informations to the petitioner in response to RTI petition dated 3.8.16 of the petitioner. It is also seen from the case records that the Head Mistress incharge furnished 35 numbers of vouchers vide her letter dated 29.8.16 to the petitioner. The petitioner also acknowledged that he had received all other informations sought for by him except the names and details of the proprietors of M/S P.B. Enterprise and M/S City Supplier. The Head Mistress incharge of the school deposed that the vouchers related to the period from 2006 to 2012. She does not know the names and other details of the proprietors M/S P.B. Enterprise and M/S City Supplier as sought for by the petitioner. Hence she is not in a position to furnish these informations. She submitted that she had already given photocopies of the vouchers as sought for by the petitioner.

Today the petitioner deposed that these are fake vouchers. According to him there is no firm by the name of M/S P.B. Enterprise and M/S City Supplier.

This Commission is of the view that the school authority, and for that matter any purchaser, is not expected to know the names and other details of the proprietors of business houses in course of their normal transactions. The Head Mistress of the school cannot, therefore, be expected to furnish these informations, if they are not contained in the vouchers and other documents furnished by the suppliers.

However, the allegation made by the petitioner is of serious nature. This Commission, therefore, directs the Inspector of Schools, Kamrup District Circle (M) to cause an inquiry into the authenticity of the two firms namely M/S P.B. Enterprise and M/S City Supplier and ascertain whether any firm by these names existed at the time of issuing of vouchers to the Head Mistress of the school who furnished copies of the same to the petitioner. The names and other details of the proprietors of such firms should be available with the Guwahati Municipal Corporation as the trade licensing authority and the concerned Superintendent of Taxes under the Commissioner of Taxes, Govt. of Assam. **The Inspector of Schools, Kamrup District Circle (M) will complete his inquiry within a period of three months from today and submit a copy of the inquiry report to this Commission.**

The above order is passed u/s 19 (8)(a) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Fix 11.30 AM on 15.5.2017 for next date of hearing

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

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Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/KP(M).757/2016/32-A

Dtd. 08.02.2017

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1. The Inspector of Schools, Kamrup District Circle (Metro) Panbazar, Guwahati-1 for information and necessary action.
2. The Head Mistress incharge, Sri Aurovindo Vidyamandir High school, Ulubari, Guwahati-7 for information.
3. Shri Gopbinda Ch. Kalita, New Guwahati Rly Colony High School, Bamunimaidan, Guwahati-21 for information.
4. The Commissioner of Taxes, Assam, Kar Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati-5 for information and necessary action.
5. The Commissioner of Guwahati Municipal Corporation, Panbazar, Guwahati-1 for information and necessary action.
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