

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

Case No. : SIC/NLB.85/2016

Appellant : Md. Owaz Ali

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the CEO, Nalbari Zilla Parishad, Nalbari

Date of hearing : 14.03.2017

Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,

State Information Commissioner, Assam

## ORDER

14.03.2017

The SPIO absent without information.

The SPIO has not submitted any Written Statement and has not explained as to why penalty U/S 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 shall not be imposed on him for his failure to furnish the information sought for within the time stipulated.

The SPIO, O/o the Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam has sent a Written Statement dated 28.02.2017 on behalf of the First Appellate Authority.

The Appellant, Md. Owaz Ali is present.

Heard the Appellant. He submitted that the SPIO had contacted and assured him yesterday by telephone to furnish the information within a month.

Perused the W/S. It has been submitted that on response to the First Appeal, the SPIO had been requested to furnish the information within the stipulated time and that Shri A Sarma, ADC and Assistant PIO, O/o the Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam would be present in today's hearing. However, the official has not attended the hearing.

The Commission hereby observes that the SPIO has not furnished the information within the stipulated period of 30 days of receipt of the RTI Application dated 02.05.2016. He is not only absent from today's hearing but has not submitted the information which the Commission has sought for as mentioned above. He is therefore, directed henceforth to furnish the information to the RTI Applicant within the time stipulated by the RTI Act, 2005 and apprise the Commission about receipt and RTI Application and furnish all information relating thereto when asked for by the Commission in connection with hearings of Second Appeals.

However, as the SPIO is stated to have assured the Appellant to furnish the information within a specific time, the Second Appeal is hereby disposed of.

Further, the Appellant shall be at liberty to move this Commission, if he is aggrieved by the response of the SPIO.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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Sd/-Registrar Assam Information Commission

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1. The SPIO, O/o the CEO, Nalbari Zilla Parishad, Dist- Nalbari, Assam, Pin- 781 335 for information and necessary action.

- 2. The First Appellate Authority/Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam, Panjabari, Juripar, Guwahati- 781 037 for information.
- 3. Md. Owaz Ali, C/o- Nausad Ali, Vill- Sonapur, PO- Mugdi, PS- Mukalmua, Dist- Nalbari, Assam, Pin- 781 312 for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5. Office File.

Registrar Assam Information Commission