

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

Case No. : SIC/HLK.80/2016

Complainant : Shri Manna Dev Nath.

Respondent : The Secretary,

Narainpur Tupkana G.P., Hailakandi.

Date of hearing : 17.02.2017

Complaint heard by : Smt. Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS (Retd.)

State Information Commissioner, Assam

## ORDER 17.02.2017

The petitioner Shri Manna Dev Nath is present.

Today's hearing is taken up as a follow up of this Commission's earlier order dtd. 02.01.2017. In view of refusal of the Secretary, Narainpur Tupkana G.P., Hailakandi to accept the notice issued by the Commission on 09.12.2016, the Commission vide order dtd. 02.01.2017 directed to issue summon for appearance of the Secretary, Narainpur Tupkana G.P., Hailakandi, on 17.02.2017.

The Secretary, Narainpur Tupkana G.P., Hailakandi is absent today and no report has been received from the Superintendent of Police, Hailakandi. The Superintendent of Police, Hailakandi is requested to inform the Commission of action taken on the summons issued within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order.

The BDO, Hailakandi Dev. Block was also directed to furnish the information sought for by the petitioner on his RTI petition dtd. 25.07.2016. He informed the Commission that vide letter dtd. 06.02.2017 he had directed the Secretary, Narainpur Tupkana G.P., Hailakandi to furnish the information to the petitioner and appear before the Commission on 17.02.2017 along with related records and documents as sought for by the petitioner before the next date fixed.

The Commission observes that the BDO, Hailakandi Dev. Block, Hailakandi is the administrative head of the Hailakandi Dev. Block and notes that it was responsibility of the BDO, Hailakandi Dev. Block to collect and provide the information to the applicant based on records available.

In view of the above, the Commission hereby orders that the BDO, Hailakandi Dev. Block shall furnish the information sought for by the applicant, free of cost, within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order.

The Commission also orders that the BDO, Hailakandi Dev. Block shall submit written explanation to the Commission within 15 days of receipt of this order as to why penalty shall not be imposed on him/her u/s 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 for failure to furnish the information to the appellant within stipulated period of 30 days.

Fix: 15.03.2017 for hearing.

Sd/-Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS (Retd.) State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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Sd/-Deputy Registrar Assam Information Commission

Dtd. 17.02.2017.

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- 1. The Secretary, Narainpur Tupkana G.P., P.O. Narainpur, P.S. & Dist. Hailakandi, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 2. The Block Development Officer, Hailakandi Dev. Block, Hailakandi, Dist. Hailakandi, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 3. The Superintendent of Police, Hailakandi, Dist. Hailakandi, Assam, Pin 788 155 for information and necessary action.
- 4. Shri Manna Dev Nath, S/o Late Nanigopal Devnath, Vill. Tupkana, P.O. Narainpur, P.S. & Dist. Hailakandi, Assam, Pin-788 152 for information.
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