

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

Case No. : SIC/CCR.124/2016

Complainant : Shri A.K. Laskar, General Secretary, A.C.R.D.O.

Respondent : The Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam & SPIO,

Secondary Education Department, Dispur, Guwahati – 6.

Date of hearing : 07.03.2017

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

State Information Commissioner, Assam

## ORDER 07.03.2017

The petitioner Shri A.K. Laskar has informed that he will not be able to attend the hearing on 07.03.2017 due to his mother's illness. In his Written Statement he stated that the SPIO, office of the Commissioner and Secretary, Education Department (Secondary) transferred the RTI petition u/s 6 (3) of the Act vide letter No. ASE.706/2013/162 dtd. 13.05.2016 instead of furnishing the information based on Government records. He stated that he filed the 1<sup>st</sup> Appeal petition dtd. 15.07.2016 before the 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority and vide order dtd. 20.09.2016 the 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority directed the SPIO to furnish the relevant information as sought for by the petitioner within 15 days from the date of issue of the letter, but the SPIO had not provided any information to him. As such he filed another Appeal petition on 24.10.2016 before the Commissioner and Secretary, Education Department (Secondary). Due to non-receipt of any information, he filed the complaint petition before the Commission on 04.11.2016 requesting to take steps u/s 18 of the RTI Act due to non-furnishing of information within stipulated time.

The Public Authority is represented by Smt. Sweety Gogoi Kalita, Joint Secretary and SPIO, Secondary Education Department assisted by Sri D.K. Handique, Deputy Secretary and Smt. Navaneeta Gogoi, Junior Assistant, Secondary Education Department. The SPIO has enclosed a copy of the reply furnished to the petitioner on 24.10.2016.

On perusal of reply furnished, it is seen that the SPIO has informed the petitioner that Sri Dilip Kr. Handique and Sri Probin Ch. Sarma have not provided the information regarding date of Advertisement and year of selection, and that information on para -3 has not been provided as sought for vide letter dtd. 23.09.2016. It is also seen that the SPIO has informed that the Government files No. B (3) S-45/2002 in respect of Sri Dilip Kr. Handique could not be traced out.

The Commission, therefore, directs the SPIO, office of the Commissioner and Secretary, Education Department (Secondary) to take steps to collect all the relevant documents in the Department relating to queries raised by the petitioner and collect the substantial information from the Director of Secondary Education, APSC and AG as per provision of the RTI Act, 2005 and furnish the same to the petitioner within a month from the date of receipt of this order.

With the above, the complaint petition dtd.04.11.2016 is disposed of.

Sd/-

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Registrar i/c Assam Information Commission Memo No. SIC/ CCR.124/2016/23 -A

Dtd. 07.03.2017.

Copy to:

- 1. The Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam & SPIO, Secondary Education Department, Dispur, Guwahati -6 for information and necessary action.
- 2. Shri A.K. Laskar, General Secretary, A.C.R.D.O., Vill. & P.O. Nearigram, Dist. Cachar, Pin 788 013, Assam for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

Registrar i/c

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