

Complainant/ Appellant



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Case No. : KP(M).98/2017

Respondent : Directorate of WPT&BC Department

: Sri Dulal Bora

Date of Hearing : 18-4-2017

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

appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R 18-4-2017

- 1. The petitioner Sri Dulal Bora is present. The public authority is represented by:
 (1) Sri Gobin Ch. Mili, Joint Director and SPIO of the Directorate of WPT&BC, accompanied by
 (2) Sri Mohan Ch. Hazarika, Sr. Assistant of the Directorate.
- **2.** The second appeal petition dated 2-3-2017 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.
- 3. The Joint Director and SPIO has filed a written submission dated 4-4-2017 stating that the RTI petition dated 19-9-2016 filed by Sri Dulal Bora was transferred to the Principal Secretary of Deori Autonomous Council, Narayanpur, Dist- Lakhimpur vide letter dated 19-10-2016. Subsequently the first appeal petition dated 2-1-2017 was also transferred to the Principal Secretary of Deori Autonomous Council vide letter dated 12-1-2017.
- 4. From perusal of the case records it is seen that the petitioner vide his RTI petition dated 19-9-2016 sought three sets of informations from Deori Autonomous Council for the period for 1st January, 2001 till the date of the RTI application. In course of todays' hearing it transpired that the Deori Autonomous Council was established a few years after 2001 although both parties could not confirm the exact date.. However, the RTI application was addressed to the SPIO of WPT&BC Department, Govt. of Assam, although, as stated by the SPIO of the WPT&BC Directorate and as it appears from the written statement dated 4-4-2017 that the informations sought for are held by the Deori Autonomous Council. It is also seen that the Notice dated 30-3-2017 from this Commission was not issued to the Principal Secretary, Deori Autonomous Council as the SPIO of WPT&BC Directorate submitted his written statement and the same was received only on 5-4-2017.
- 5. By the first point of the RTI petition the petitioner wanted photocopies of cheques issued by Deori Autonomous Council to different individuals, institutions and firms from 1st January, 2001 to 19-9-2016. This request for information does not appear to be tenable. It is not a normal practice to keep photocopies of cheques issued and given to payees. This request for information is therefore, rejected.
- **6.** As regards point No. (2) and (3) of the RTI petition, the SPIO of Deori Autonomous Council is directed to furnish the sought for information to the petitioner, free of cost, within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order, by Registered Post for the period up to 19-9-2016 since inception of the Deori Autonomous Council.
- 7. The Principal Secretary of Deori Autonomous Council, Narayanpur, Dist-Lakhimpur is directed to submit his written affidavit and personally appear along with his SPIO for review of compliance of this order on the next date of hearing i.e., at 12.30 P.M on 30th May, 2017

Authenticated true copy

Sd/-Registrar Assam Information Commission

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Dated 18-4-2017

Copy to:.

- 1) Sri Gobin Ch. Mili, Joint Director and SPIO of the Directorate of WPT&BC, for information and necessary action, as ordered above..
- 2) Principal Secretary, Deori Autonomous Council, Narayanpur, P.O- Panbari, District Lakhimpur, PIN- 784164 for information and necessary action as ordered abovw.
- 3) SPIO of Deori Autonomous Council, Narayanpur, P.O- Panbari, District- Lakhimpur PIN-784 164 for information and necessary action.
- 4) Sri Dulal Bora, Koinadhara Tiniali, House No.-118, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information.
- 4) Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5) Office file.
- 6) Order Book.

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Assam Information Commission.