

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

Case No. : SIC/NGN.25/2017
Appellant : Shri Durgeswar Das

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Block Dev. Officers,

Jugijan/Kaliabor/Lumding/Odali/Paschim Kaliabor/Rupahihat

Dev. Blocks, Nagaon

Date of hearing : 05.06.2017

Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,

State Information Commissioner, Assam

## ORDER

05.06.2017

Shri Mehbub Alam, Extension Officer (Credit), Jugijan Dev. Block, Shri Chandan Bordalai, PIO, Extension Officer (F), Kaliabor Dev. Block, Shri Tarun Ch. Das, Block Dev. Officer, Lumding and Odali Dev. Block and Shri Gadadhar Kalita, BDO, Rupahihat Dev. Block are present along with assistants. They have submitted Written Statements dated 29.05.2017, 01.06.2017, 05.06.2017 and 03.06.2017 respectively.

The SPIO, O/o the BDO, Paschim Kaliabor Dev. Block is absent without information.

The Appellant, Shri Durgeswar Das is present. He submitted that he had not received the information or any communication from the SPIOs of the aforementioned six Dev. Blocks to whom the RTI Application dated 26.05.2016 had been transferred by the Project Director, DRDA, Nagaon.

Perused the W/Ss and heard the representatives of the Public Authorities. The following position emerged :

- (i) Jugijan Dev. Block The information has been furnished through a letter dated 24.06.2016 and sent by Registered Post. A photocopy of the postal receipt has been enclosed for evidence. However, the Appellant submitted that he has not received the same.
- (ii) Kaliabor Dev. Block The Appellant was asked to deposit an amount of Rs 100/-(Rupees hundred) through a letter dated 17.06.2016 towards the cost of photocopying. However, the Appellant did not respond, although the information can be furnished.
- (iii) Lumding Dev. Block The cost for photocopying have been asked for. The Appellant did not respond. However, the information along with relevant documents were handed over to the Appellant during the hearing.
- (iv) Odali Dev. Block The same as in case of Lumding Dev. Block.
- (v) Rupahihat Dev. Block A part of the information was furnished through a letter dated 16.07.2016 and for the rest, being voluminous, the Appellant was requested to visit the office. The Appellant did not respond.

In the absence of the SPIO or any Written Statement, the Commission could not determine the status of the action taken by the SPIO, O/o the BDO, Paschim Kaliabor Dev. Block.

In view of the facts bought out above, the Commission hereby orders as follows –

(1) The Second Appeal is disposed of in respect of the SPIOs, O/o the BDOs of Lumding and Odali Dev. Blocks.

- (2) The SPIO, O/o the BDO, Jugijan Dev. Block shall furnish the information and related documents once again to the Appellant, within 10 days of receipt of this order.
- (3) The SPIO, O/o the Kaliabor Dev. Block The Appellant shall deposit the cost of photocopying as sought for by the SPIO within 10 days of receipt of this order and the SPIO shall furnish the information within 5 days of receipt of the cost of photocopying. Should the Appellant fail to comply with this order, his Second Appeal as regards the SPIO shall automatically stand dismissed.
- (4) Rupahihat Dev. Block The Appellant shall visit the office of the SPIO and inspect the records as already requested for by the BDO.
- (5) Paschim Kaliabor Dev. Block The SPIO shall furnish the information to the Appellant, free of cost, within 10 days of receipt of this order.

The Second Appeal is hereby disposed of. However, the Appellant shall be at liberty to move this Commission, if he is aggrieved with the action taken by the respective SPIOs in accordance with this order of the Commission.

Sd/-Pinuel Basumatary State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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- 1. The SPIOs, O/o the BDOs, Jugijan/Kaliabor/Lumding/Odali/Paschim kaliabor/Rupahihat Dev. Blocks, Nagaon, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority/Project Director, DRDA, Nagaon, Assam for information.
- 3. The Appellant, Shri Durgeswar Das, Christian Patty, PO- Nagaon, Pin- 782 001, Assam for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5. Office File.

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