

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

Case No. : SIC/NLB.27/2017
Appellant : Md. Liakat Ali Ahmed
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Mission Director, Assam Sarva Siksha
Abhiyan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati
Date of hearing : 18.07.2017
Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,
State Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER
18.07.2017

The Appellant, Md. Liakat Ali Ahmed is present.

The SPIO, O/o the District Elementary Education Officer, Nalbari who was notified of today's hearing is absent without information. The SPIO, O/o the Assam Sarva Siksha Abhiyan Mission has submitted a Written Statement dated 11.07.2017.

Heard the Appellant. He submitted that he has neither received the information sought through his RTI Application dated 27.01.2017 nor any order on his First Appeal dated 29.03.2017.

Perused the Written Statement. It has been submitted that the First Appeal was forwarded by the Directorate of Elementary Education, Assam to him through a letter dated 02.05.2017 which was received on 25.05.2017. The RTI Application was transferred to all Districts Mission Coordinators of SSA through a letter dated 05.06.2017 on the ground that the information related to all districts.

A copy of the said letter has been enclosed with the Written Statement. It has further been added that the RTI Application had earlier been transferred by the said Directorate to the DEEO, Nalbari through a letter dated 04.02.2017.

A perusal of the case record indicates that the said RTI Application and the First Appeal were submitted to the Directorate of Elementary Education, Assam. The Appellant had sought information relating to districtwise lists of TET qualified teachers posted to EGS centres in various districts in 2013 as also the names and addresses of the said centres. He also wanted copies of the HSLC and Graduation specified as TDC (BA) certificates in respect of those teachers.

Based on the documents submitted, the Commission assumes that the Directorate of Elementary Education, Assam had transferred the First Appeal to the SPIO and the FAA on the ground that this Public Authority held the information sought for. It is however not understood as to why the Directorate had earlier transferred the RTI Application to the DEEO, Nalbari when the Appellant had sought information relating to all districts in the state.

The information sought for ought to be held by the state level authority of SSA, Assam. It is therefore not understood as to why the same was transferred to the District Mission Coordinator of the Mission.

From the RTI Application, it appears that providing certified copies of the certificates of HSLC and TDC (BA) of a large number of teachers is likely to involve diversion of significant resources of the Public Authority. The Appellant submitted that he was prepared to pay for the cost of photocopying in this regard.

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

- (i) The SPIO, O/o the Assam Sarva Siksha Abhiyan Mission shall furnish the information in relation to the first point of the Application namely, districtwise lists of the TET qualified teachers and the names and addresses of the EGS centres, free of cost, within 15 days of receipt of this order, and
- (ii) The said SPIO shall allow the Appellant to inspect the records relating to the HSLC and TDC (BA) certificates and make photocopies at his discretion at his own cost.

The Second Appeal is hereby disposed of.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary
State Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Assam State Information Commission

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2. The SPIO, O/o the District Elementary Education Officer, Nalbari, Dist- Nlabari, Assam, Pin- 781 335 for information and necessary action.
3. The Appellant, Md. Liakat Ali Ahmed, S/o- Faijur Rahman, Vill- Damdamapathar, PO- Rampur, Dist- Nalbari, Assam, Pin- 781 312 for information.
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