

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

Case No. : SIC/NLB.29/2017

Appellant : Md. Liakat Ali Ahmed

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Assistant Executive Engineer (PHE), Belsor

Sub-Division, Belsor, Nalbari

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 two SPIOs absent without information.

Heard the Appellant. He submitted that neither he has received information through his RTI Application dated 27.01.2017 nor any order from the First Appellate Authority/Executive Engineer, (PHE), Belsor Division, Belsor to his First Appeal dated 29.03.2017.

Perused the case record. It is seen that the RTI Application dated 27.01.2017 was addressed to the Deputy Commissioner, Nalbari who transferred it to the Executive Engineer, (PHE), Nalbari through a letter dated 06.02.2017. The EE, (PHE), Nalbari in his turn, transferred the same to the EE, (PHE), Belsor Division, Belsor through a letter dated 08.02.2017. Thereafter, the EE, (PHE), Belsor Division, Belsor in the capacity of the FAA transferred the Application to the AEE, (PHE), Belsor Sub-Division, Belsor through a letter dated 14.02.2017.

Both the EE and the AEE were notified of today's hearing. In their absence and any Written Statement from them, the Commission could not ascertain if they had taken any action to furnish the information to the Appellant. They have also not explained as to why penalty U/S 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 should not be imposed on the SPIO for his failure to furnish the information within the time stipulated.

In view of the facts brought out above, the Commission hereby orders that the Assistant Executive Engineer, (PHE), Belsor Sub-Division, Belsor shall furnish the information sought for by the Appellant, free of cost, within 15 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 by the response of the SPIO. Should the Commission receive any Complaint of non-compliance from the Appellant, the Second Appeal case will be re-opened and another date of hearing fixed.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO, O/o the Assistant Executive Engineer, (PHE), Belsor Sub-Division, Belsor, Dist-Nalbari, Assam, Pin- 781 335 for information and necessary action.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority/Executive Engineer, (PHE), Belsor Division, Belsor, Dist-Nalbari, Assam, Pin- 781 335 for information.
- 3. The Appellant, Md. Liakat Ali Ahmed, S/o- Faijur Rahman, Vill- Damdamapathar, PO-Rampur, Dist- Nalbari, Assam, Pin- 781 312 for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
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