

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

Case No. : SIC/KMJ.28/2017
Appellant : Shri Sumen Roy

Respondent : 1. The SPIO, O/o the Director, Finance (Economic Affairs

Deptt.), Assam Secretariat, Dispur

2. The SPIO, O/o the Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Dev.

Deptt., Assam

Date of hearing : 19.07.2017

Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,

State Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER

19.07.2017

Smt. Lalita Devi, SPIO/Joint Director and Shri M.N. Sarma, Research Officer, O/o the Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Dev. Deptt., Assam, Shri Prasanta Phukan, SPIO/Joint Director, Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt., Shri A. Dutta, Research Offier and Shri Mati Lal Sarkar, Joint Director, Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt., Dispur are present.

The Appellant absent. He has sent a written apology by e-mail dated 15.07.2017 praying for an appropriate order on his Appeal. He has reiterated that he has not received the information he had sought for and any order from the First Appellate Authority/Additional Secretary to the Government of Assam.

The SPIO/Joint Director, O/o the Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Dev. Deptt., Assam submitted a Written Statement dated 01.07.2017. The SPIO/Joint Director, Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt., Government of Assam has submitted a Written Statement too. A Written Statement from the FAA/Additional Secretary to the Government of Assam, Finance Deptt. dated 10.07.2017 has also been submitted.

Perused the case record. It is seen that the RTI Application from which the instant Appeal has emanated is a practical one and the same with that on which Second Appeal case no. SIC/KMJ.15/2017 had been heard and disposed of on 09.06.2017 with the direction to furnish a direct response to the first point of the RTI Application. The said first point of information sought was as to why there was any rule other than Panchayati Act regarding engagement of contractors in P & RD work. The differences between the two cases were that Application related to the case no. SIC/KMJ.15/2017 was submitted to the Commissioner, P & RD, Assam and the Application relating to the instant Second Appeal was submitted to the SPIO, O/o the Director, Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt., Government of Assam. The Applicant submitted First Appeals and Second Appeals in respect of both these Applications and therefore two separate Second Appeal case got registered in the Commission.

Perused the Written Statements and heard the SPIOs and the other representatives of the Public Authority. It is seen that the said order of the Commission dated 09.06.2017 has already been complied with through a letter dated the same day i.e. 09.06.2017. A copy of the said letter has been enclosed with the Written Statement and the same bears the acknowledgement of receipt by the Appellant in his hand.

From the facts brought out above, it is evident that the information sought for by the Appellant has already been furnished.

Considering that the information sought for has already been furnished to the Appellant, the Second Appeal is hereby disposed of.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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- 1. The SPIO, O/o the Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Dev. Deptt., Panjabari, Juripar, Guwahati- 37, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 2. The SPIO, O/o the Director, Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt., Block-F : SFC Cell, Assam Secretariat, Dispur, Guwahati- 6 for information and necessary action.
- 3. The First Appellate Authority/Additional Secretary to the Government of Assam, Finance Deptt., Dispur for information.
- 4. The Appellant, Shri Sumen Roy, Pushpa Lane, Ward No. 2, Vill & PO- Kanishail, PS & Dist- Karimganj, Assam, Pin- 788 711 for information.
- 5. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 6. Office File.

Joint Registrar
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