

Case No. : KP(M).621/2016  
Complainant/ Appellant : Sri Joydeb Das  
Respondent : Directorate of Agriculture, Govt. of Assam  
Date of Hearing : 2-8-2017  
Complaint/ Second : Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Retd)  
appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
**2-8-2017**

1. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das is absent without any information. The public authority is represented by:- (1) Sri A. C. Karmakar, SPIO and Joint Director of Agriculture, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 of the office of Director of Agriculture, (2) Dr. Mrinal Barman, Nodal Officer, Website Development and Joint Director (S/Z) of the same office, (3) Sri Palashmoni Baruah, SDAO (Surveillance), (4) Smti Parijat Kanan Baishya, Addl. Director of Agriculture, and (5) Sri Amal Kr. Sharma, Additional Director of Agriculture, NeGP A- Cell of the same office.

2. The compliance position with regard to this Commission's earlier orders dated 4-5-2017 and 5-7-2017 are taken up for review ex-parte in the absence of the petitioner.

3. As regards inspection of records by the petitioner Sri Joydeb Das, the SPIO and Joint Director of the Directorate of Agriculture, Govt. of Assam stated orally that Sri Joydeb Das did not turn up for inspection of records within the time stipulated by this Commission, i.e., 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 as directed by its order dated 5-7-2017. He further submitted that while attempts were made to contact him over phone, the telephone calls were not taken by the petitioner. In short, inspection of records have not taken place till date. In the absence of the petitioner at the time of the hearing today and due to non-receipt of any further communication from him, it could not be ascertained whether he is still interested in inspection of the relevant documents. However, another opportunity is given to the petitioner and time for inspection of records is further extended up to 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 in respect of the Directorate of Agriculture and Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd. If the petitioner still does not turn up within the extended time, then the SPIOs of the Directorate of Agriculture and Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd. will report the matter to the Registry of this Commission for further necessary orders.

4. As regards paragraph 6 of this Commission's previous order dated 5-7-2017 read with paragraph-8 of its order dated 4-5-2017, a compliance report dated 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 as well as an affidavit dated 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 have been received from the Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam, Agriculture Department. Both these submissions have been entered into the case records. It has been mentioned by the Addl. Chief Secretary in the affidavit as well as the compliance report that the

Departmental Standardized Website was scheduled to be completed on 20-7-2017 and to be launched within 27-7-2017. It is also mentioned that contents of eight (8) organizations under the Department have to be uploaded. It is further mentioned that pending operationalization of the Departmental Standardized Website, the Director of Agriculture has already uploaded relevant informations in their existing website:- <http://rkvyassam.in> in compliance of Section 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005 a copy of which was enclosed with the written statement.

5. In addition to the above, it has been mentioned in the affidavit that after development of the Departmental Standardized Website, which is likely to be completed within 25-7-2017, requirement under Section 4(2) of the RTI Act, 2005 will also be completed. Once the departmental website is launched relevant informations of all the eight organizations under the Agriculture Department as listed in the written statement dated 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 will be uploaded.

6. A separate written statement dated 2-8-2017 detailing the steps taken so far and the latest position in this regard was also received from Dr. Mrinal Barman, Nodal Officer of the Departmental website development of the Directorate of Agriculture, wherein it is mentioned that although work on completion of the departmental standardised website is going on in full swing, approval of the Project Steering Committee will be required before launching the website. The approval is expected within 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 and after approval the website is targeted to be launched within August, 2017.

7. In view of the above, fix **September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 12.30 P.M** for further review of the position.

**Sd/-**  
**(H. S. Das)**  
**State Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Assam**

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**Registrar**  
**Assam Information Commission**

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**Dated 2-8-2017**

**Copy to:-**

- 1) Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam, Agriculture Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for information.
- 2) Sri A.C. Karmakar, SPIO and Joint Director, of Agriculture, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information and necessary action, as ordered above..
- 3) Sri Joydeb Das, C/O Late Karunamoy Das, House No-16, Kushal Konwar Road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Ambari Fatashil, Guwahati-25 for information and necessary action as ordered above.
- 4) Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5) Office file.
- 6) Order Book.

**Registrar**  
**Assam Information Commission**